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Lib Dems in shock as Ashdown calls time on 11-year leadership

By Andrew Grice AND COLIN BROWN

PADDY ASHDOWN shocked his MPs last night by announcing he is to stand down as Liberal Democrat leader this summer after 11 years in the joh.

Mr Ashdown, 57, insisted his decision had been taken so that he could spend more time with his wife; Jane, and their family. He said it had nothing to do with a rebellion inside his party against his strategy of forging closer relations with Labour.

Mr Ashdown said he would give up with "great sadness" hut also with "some sense of achievement", as allies claimed he was the most successful Liberal leader since Lloyd George after doubling the party's number of MPs to 46 at the 1997 general election.

Mr Ashdown decided before the last election that it would be his last as Liberal Democrat leader, and he said he had told Tony Blair shortly afterwards. He had originally planned to announce his decision last year, hut decided to see through his "unfinished business", such as extending the remit of a cabinet committee on which senior Liberal Democrats sit alongside Labour ministers.

The sudden departure puts a question mark over the close working relationship Mr Ashdown struck up with the Prime stressed last night that he would not be deflected from his

sive centre-left alliance. But Mr Ashdown's policy of "constructive opposition" with Labour is bound to be the crucial issue in the June leadership coutest to choose his successor. Many of the party's 100,000 members, who will elect the new leader in a postal ballot, are

hostile to his strategy. At least five candidates are expected to enter the race. They are Charles Kennedy, the party's former president who is now its agriculture spokesman;



goal of forging a new, progres. Paddy Ashdown's surprise resignation has increased predictions of new jobs for him including an EU role or one monitoring the world's trouble spots

bell, who holds the foreign affairs and defence brief. Don Foster, the education spokesman; and Nick Harvey, the campaigns chief.

Mr Ashdown's decision to stand down after the European Parliament elections may also put pressure on Mr Blair Many Labour MPs oppose closer Lib-Lab links, and cabinet heavyweights including John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, Simon Hughes, the health will hope the change of leaderspokesman; Menzies Camp- ship will put a brake on Mr

Blair's strategy. The Liberal Democrat leader dismissed speculation that he was standing down to take up a government post. Downing Street sources denied that Mr Blair would nominate Mr Ashdown to serve on the European Com-

to a Conservative. Mr Ashdown made his announcement at the weekly meeting of his MPs at Westminster last night. Later he disclosed he would not have taken a cabinet post in a Lib-Lab coalition gov-

would have wanted to do that from the outside." he said.

He told Mr Blair at their first meeting shortly after the election to discuss their strategy that he intended to step down from the leadership in midmission, saying the job would go term. Mr Ashdown told the Prime Minister last week that he would be announcing his departure after their clash at Question Time yesterday.

Both Mr Blair and Mr Ashdown agreed that their "project"

ernment. "I would not have had been secured. The Liberal taken a place in the Cabinet. I Democrat leader stayed on until the European elections legislation was on the statute book, but he delayed his de- he said. parture after the resignation of Peter Mandelson, the Cabinet's strongest supporter of close

> tion of a cooling of relations. Mr Ashdown also wanted to ensure that the latest extension of co-operation with the Government went through last week, before finally deciding the

Lib-Lah links, fuelled specula-

didn't want anyone to think handful of senior Liberal Dethat the project which Blair and I were engaged in was going to be disturbed by those events,"

"I inherited the party in a complete mess. I wanted to hand the party over stronger with a clear strategy in a strong position engaged in government and doing something important. That is what I have

been able to do," he said. Lord Holme said the MPs at the meeting were "stunned, saddate of his announcement. "I dened and surprised". But a



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belong to the party as well as the week."

In a letter to MPs, which Mr Ashdown read to them, he said: "Though I love being an MP I don't want still to be one at 65. And that means not standing at the next election when I shall be 60."

Paying a warm tribute to Mr Ashdown last night, Mr Blair said: "He is one of the outstanding party leaders of his generation."

A spokesman for the Prime Minister said he viewed Mr Ashdown as "a politician of considerable distinction who makes a major contribution to

his party and country." He said: "Of course the links between the Government and Liberal Democrats will continue to develop both in Mr Ashdown's remaining time as

Nato forces mobilise against Serbs

FACED WITH a brazen show of BY KATHERINE BUTLER defiance by the Yugoslav President, Slobodan Milosevic, Nato stepped up preparations yesterday for a possible military confrontation with Serbia over its treatment of Kosovo.

Nato ambassadors ordered planners to proceed with what officials insisted were "precautionary" measures. They shortened the notice required for ordering air strikes from 96 to 48 hours, ordered naval units in the Mediterranean to the Italian port of Brindisi, opposite Yugoslavia, and directed troops with the US 6th Fleet and the US aircraft carrier Enterprise to move from the Aegean to the

Tony Blair also made clear yesterday that Britain has not ruled out sending ground troops into Kosovo to force President Milosevic to desist.

"We are ready to take whatever action is necessary," Mr Blair told the Commons. Milosevic "risks a rapid military remunity remains split on military

in Brussels

sponse from Nato" if he does not comply with United Nations Security Council resolutions demanding an end to the latest onslaught and a reduction in the level of the Yugoslav army and special police forces based in Kosovo. "We have to move with the rest of our allies, but we re-

main ready to act," Mr Blair said. The US Defense Secretary, William Cohen, said the credibility of Nato was now "on the line." He said that any alliance military action would be aimed at reducing Mr Milosevic's ability to threaten the region.

Yesterday's Nato decisions reflect the urgent need to convince Mr Milosevic that there is a credible threat of force if he fails to comply with a list of demands, including full co-operation with the International War Crimes Tribunal.

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The US carrier Enterprise is moving into the Adriatic with the Nato contingent preparing for action in Kosovo

intervention and Nato is now facing a dilemma only deepened by the empty-handed return from Belgrade of the alliance's two senior generals after seven hours of face-to-face talks with Mr Milosevic on Tuesday.

Despite their ultimatum, he remained stubborn and inflexible and made clear he had no intention of complying with UN

demands on Kosovo. He defended the "anti-terrorist" operation that led to the killings of 45 ethnic Albanians villagers in Racak at the weekend. "Blunt and obdurate" was the assessment of General Wesley Clark, the Supreme Allied

Commander for Europe. With its credibility at stake Nato must now be seen to react

to the Serb provocations of re-cent days, and the conclusion of its own generals that the October agreement on troop withdrawals from Kosovo have heen all hut torn up by Belgrade. Politically, however, there is less agreement than ever on a military response. A flurry of diplomatic activity is expected over the coming hours and days in a last-ditch attempt to force Mr Milosevic

The political picture has been immensely complicated since October by the presence of over 700 potential Western hostages on the ground. These are the unarmed teams of verifiers sent in by the OSCE to monitor Serb troop withdrawals after the October peace deal. Air strikes are therefore not a realistic option unless the monitors can be evacuated safely first.

Nato's "extraction force" in neighbouring Macedonia is not yet equipped to do that and its

commanders have admitted they would have to rely on SAS units to organise a high-risk rescue operation.

Transatlantic divisions have also resurfaced. The Americans are talking up the threat of air strikes, insisting that the Nato Activation Order agreed in October, authorising the first phase of an air campaign, remains in place. But among European governments the view that a new UN Security Council resolution may be needed to authorise force. Britain doubled its contri-

bution to the Nato contingent preparing for possible action in Kosovo. The Secretary of State for Defence, George Robertson, announced Britain was sending another four RAF Harrier ground attack aircraft to join the four already there. The British frigate HMS Iron Duke was preparing to head for the Adriatic from Gibraltar.

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Leadership race already under way

THE RIVAL camps for the lead- By COLIN BROWN ership race were already form- Chief Political Correspondent ing within hours of Paddy Asbdown's announcement to known to have his doubts about his party that he would be standing down.

But Mr Ashdown also gave a clear signal that he wants the Opposition. next leader to carry on his strategy for closer links with Tony Blair's Government. That extension of the links, and he is

Charles Kennedy who wanted the Liberal Democrats to replace the Tories as the party of

The party leader called on his MPs to focus on the campaign for the European eleccould rule out Simon Hughes, tions, but they were clearly who has strongly opposed the setting their sights on the leadership election.

made sure that the party had a paign chief. range of candidates from which to choose, by giving them front bench responsibility to show

The front runners include his closest aide, Menzies Campbell, the defence and foreign affairs spokesman, who would be seen the continuity candidate. Others include former BBC reporter Mr Kennedy, Don Foster,

Mr Ashdown said he had Nick Harvey, the party cam-choices. I have put people in

In his message to the party, Mr Ashdown said: "The leadership election will also - as has . always been my wish - provide an opportunity for the party to confirm democratically, the strategy I have set for the future. I will endorse no candidate," said Mr Ashdown.

strategy to make sure that the the Education spokesman, and party has a proper range of "in there negotiating hard".

their skills."

Some Liberal Democrat Harvey was too young, with no real campaign base in the party from which to launch a suc-Mr Harvey said he would continne Mr Ashdown's broad "Of course it has been my strategy rather than "take our bat and ball away" but would be

actually stands down in June, the behind-the-scenes jostling sources at Westminster said Mr for position will now commence. Mr Ashdown's departure has long been on the cards, and the big question of who will cessful leadership bid. Allies of be his successor has long been a favourite dinner table debating topic amongst Liberal De-

mocrats at Westminster. He told Mr Blair after the election that he would go when

Although the official contest he was sure that the "modfront row jobs so they can show cannot start until Mr Ashdown emisation project" with Labour ported by 200 ordinary party was secure. That point came last week when it was agreed to extend co-operation.

The party hierarchy was at pains to stress that there must be no campaigning until after Mr Ashdown has stood down. But then, nominations open in a contest which will be decided in a matter of weeks.

Each candidate must be nominated by two other Liber-

al Democrat MPs and be sup-

suge

Once the names of all candidates are in, there will be a one-member-one-vote ballot amongst all 90,000 party mem-

bers across Britain. Mr Hughes could win votes from those who have their doubts about the relationship with the Government. He will also appeal to the party's strong "green" lobby.

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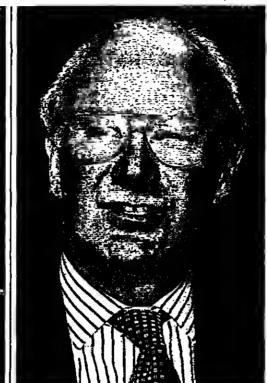


Charles Kennedy, 39

Emerging as front-runner. Though he has been loyal to Mr Ashdown, made clear in summer he would throw his hat in the ring. Regarded as media-friendly, and assured TV performer, MP for Ross, Cromarty and Skye since 1983 until last year, when seat was changed to include Inverness, he was one of the young stars of the SDP but broke with David Owen when the merger with the Liberals took place.



Simon Hughes, 47 Will be rebels' choice, as most outspoken critic of Mr Ashdown's closer Labour links. A health spokesman, has attacked government handling of NHS, refusing to be gagged by 'constructive opposition' policy. Former Liberal, he won Bermondsey when It was Labour rotten borough but could be regarded as too much of an urban, radical, environmentalist for mainstream of the party in the country.



Menzies Campbell, 58 Seen as the most obvious continuity candidate, who could lose out because of his age if the party opts for a leader from the same generation as William Hague and Tony Blair. Mr Campbell, the defence and foreign affairs spokesman, shares Mr Ashdown's world view, and has been a confidant on closer links with the Government. He has held the Fife North East seat since 1987.



Don Foster, 51. He has built up a parliamentary profile as a sharp debater and is well-liked by Tories and Labour MPs.

However, he would have to rebuild his rapport with party activists who dealt him an embarrassing blow at last year's conference. They overwhelmingly rejected plans to reduce local authorities' power over schools and create "neighbourhood trusts".



Nick Harvey, 37 Would be well-placed to win over votes if he decided to stand for the leadership election. He is deeply rooted in the party's machinery as its campaign manager. However, his role as a backroom dealer has the disadvantage that, while he is used to dealing with journalists, he has a low public profile and seldom speaks during



party enormously stronger'

TONY Blair described Paddy BY CLARE GARNER

Ashdown last night as "one of the outstanding party leaders of Ashdown, "we have always enhis generation' and claimed that his decision to resign would He added: "He has led the Libnot affect the party links the two erals with great determination, had tried to forge. A spokesman for the Prime Minister revealed that Mr Blair had been informed of the inten-

tioo to quit "some time ago", adding: "The Prime Minister views Paddy Ashdown as a politician of considerable distinction who makes a major contribution to his party and country."

William Hague, the Conservative leader, said that although he had "often" disagreed with Mr

joyed good personal relations". but his strategy of becoming as close as possible to the Government is clearly failing. The effect has been to neuter the Liberals as an opposition party and to weaken the holding of the Government to account."

Mr Ashdown's predecessor Lord Steel of Aikwood, said: "I have thought for some time that it was likely that he would go after the European elections, but I was a bit surprised when

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"eight to ten" other party members had known of Mr Ashdown's decision for "some weeks". He added: "Once you have fought two general elections as leader of the third party then I think you begin to

he told me. It is a very ex- in good order. "It is an enormously stronger force than ever before and it has a key position The party's foreign affairs in changing the nature of Britain

zies Campbell, said he and "That is a very powerful legacy." Robert Maclennan, a past president of the Liberal Democrats, said Mr Ashdown "has been a long serving and highly successful leader who has taken this party to oew levels of achievement". He pointed out that the party had more MPs than ever, excellent prospects in the European elec-

The Liberal Democrat deputy leader, Alan Beith, said Mr Ashdown was standing down now so that he could pass on the leadership with the party

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"He can step down in the certain knowledge that he leaves us in and defence spokesman, Men- and British politics," he said. extremely good heart."

Matthew Taylor, the Liberal Democrat environment spokesman, said: "I think people are very appreciative of Paddy's work. There was an air of regret in the meeting. People were not expecting it.

The leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, Jim Wallace, spoke of the "energy, drive and determination" that had marked Mr Ashdown's leadership. "Our success in the 1997 general election and the fact

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"We are as strong as this that we are now seeing much party has ever been," he said. of our long-held constitution agenda coming to fruition owes much to Paddy's vision and determination," he said. Alex Salmond, leader of the

Scottish National Party, said: "Paddy Ashdown has always shown himself to be a man of principle.

"In UK terms he leaves the Liberals much stronger than he found them, but that is not true in Scotland and this decision seems to have been made without remembering that the Scottish Liberals are about to enter the most crucial electoral contest in their history."



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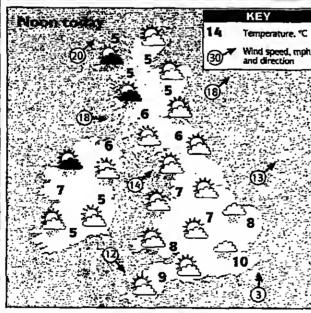
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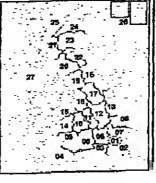
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IF TONY Blair gets his way by reshaping British politics then history will judge Paddy Ashdown as the biggest figure among leaders of the third party since the war.

He took over as leader of the Social and Liberal Democrats in July 1988, amid the wreckage of the Alliance break-up after the 1987 election. He left it last night with his goal of a realignment of the centre and left in British politics tantalisingly within its grasp.

He is also by a long way the longest-standing party leader in Britain, having outstayed two Labour leaders and two Tory ones in his 101/2 years in office.

Mr Ashdown is an action man-turned-politician who has never quite lost the hoyish excitement and bravado that led him into the Royal Marines at the age of 18, after be left Bedford School in 1959, A member of the Special Boat Squadron, and of MI6 (though he has never admitted it) between 1971 and 1976, be spent almost all his active political life as a Liberal, apart from one brief period as a Labour Party member when be was in the

He is also one of the few serions politicians to have worked actively, as a labourer, as a personnel manager in industry, and as a youth officer for Dorset county council before he became an MP.

He took over his party at probably the most unpromising period in its history, and led it through an election in 1997 which secured it 46 seats, the biggest total since the 1929

When he took over in 1988. the hopes and dreams of the Alliance - the uneasy marriage Social Democratic Party, which was supposed to replace the Labour Party as the main anti-Tory force in British politics had collapsed in recrimination. The party he was taking over had become a joke - memorably dismissed by Margaret Thatcher two years after Mr Ashdown took over as a "dead parrot". In November 1989 it was still languishing in the opinion polls,

recording a mere 3 per cent. Mr Ashdown himself was forced swiftly to abandon the



Paddy Ashdown, action man-turned-politician and the longest-standing party leader in Britain, having outstayed two Labour leaders and two Tory ones John Rogers

fought his leadership election as the main party of opposition to Mrs Thatcher. But be patiently and steadily rebuilt the party over the next seven years by establishing a clear identity for it - and even more for himself. Familiarity might have bred contempt, and for many commentators it did. But after nine years as leader he still managed to score, during the 1997 election, a 58 per cent satisfaction rating - unheard of for

an opposition leader. But the more distinctive secure from Mr Blair a pro-

accommodation with Labour that stood most chance of achieving their most cherished objectives.

Many leading Liberal Democrats were deeply uneasy about this strategy, as the forthcoming contest to replace him will show. But whereas David Steel secured very bittle in return for propping up the Callaghan government in the late Seventies, Mr Ashdown managed to

with which he successfully party a clear strategy for deal- the European elections, the Amonth after the 1992 election, ing with Labour, for seeing that last through which Mr Ash- Mr Ashdown made an imporagainst Alan Beith in 1988 - that politics was about power and down leads bis party; the electoral reform for the House of Commons; and places on a joint cabinet committee on what is now much more than constitutional reform.

> In this course, he was helped since 1994 by dealing with a leader, in Mr Blair, who liked him personally who thought the same way about most political and ideological issues, and who had fewer tribal roots in, and hang-ups about, his party than any of his predecessors. But Mr Ashdown's part in this process

tant and lightly coded speech in the Liberal Democrats. sketched out a route map for abandonment of what had been a fiction since Mrs Thatcher's election in 1979 - that the third party was prepared to prop up a Tory government in a coalition. The word for it was "equidistance" between Labour and the Tories, and it

was quietly buried in May 1995. But what showed Mr Ashdown to be a bigger figure than his critics suggested was his reaction to Mr Blair's leader-

hopelessly ambitious vision achievement was to set his portional electoral system for should not be under-estimated. new kid on the centrist block; for a time It looked as if a Blairled Labour party would eclipse

could have either given up politics, or eked out the rest of his political career in carping from the sidelines. Instead he saw quicker than many in his own party that Mr Blair was a begemonic figure and that the best route to improving his own party's standing lay in eliminating wasteful conflict with Labour for the sake of it, while at the same time preserving his own party's identity.

The 1995 Littleborough and the Cabinet links since the genship. Mr Blair was suddenly the Saddleworth by-election was a eral election. And given that he

depart in this Parliament, it is easy to see why he has been pressing so urgently for further, closer links - a joint statement with Mr Blair about working together in November, and the extension of the joint cabinet committee process to foreign affairs last week

He has had a strong marriage to long-suffering Jane. which survived the affair he was revealed to have had with a secretary in the run-up to the 1992 election. In a coup of media management, Ashdown went candidly public on it, pre-empting a good deal of hostile press coverage, and in the process he became one of the first politicians to demonstrate that the British electorate is more interested in their professional performance than their sex

Now a grandfather, hy retiring he will be able to repay his family for a decade of lost time. Invariably hyperactive, in 1992 he toured the UK, staying in the bomes of ordinary voters, from fishermen to single mothers in the inner city, and wrote of his experiences in the book Beyond Westminster. It was a way of raising his profile, of course, but it also reflected his view that there was more to politics than the House of Commons.

In his range of interests he stood out in the notoriously parochial political village for his energetic and sometimes unfashionable pursuit of causes in foreign affairs, notably for more consistent allied intervention in the Balkans. He has been - in a party with a much broader streak of Euro-scepticism than is often realised - consistently pro-European and pro-EMU; he has been surprisingly steadfast in believing that Mr Blair will call a referendum on EMU. a mechanism which he was the first party leader to advocate.

The question is what his departure, announced last night, will mean for the slow process towards realignment, closer links between the two parties, electoral reform, and possibly, in the long-term, coalition.

Mr Ashdown himself is convinced that all the building blocks are in place. But it is iard not to see it as a setback Davies, withstood a vicious Mr Ashdown has faced almost as many critics of the process in his own party as Mr Blair has ed by Blairism. As a result, he

turning point; while it showed

that there were indeed no "no-

go" areas for Labour, it also

showed that the Liberal Demo-

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The fruits were tangihle:

weakness.

Mr Ashdown always said he wanted to leave when people asked "Why is he going?" rather than "Why hasn't he gone?" In that sense, it is a good departure by a leader on a high note. But both he and Mr Blair will be hoping that he has not under-estimated his personal importance to their joint



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Moments in Paddy Ashdown's life: In the Army (left); with his wife after he was elected leader of the party, and yesterday (far right) after announcing his resignation Labour links thrown into doubt

THE UNEXPECTED departure BY ANDREW GRICE of Paddy Ashdown puts a hig question mark over the close links between the Liberal Democrats and Labour.

Although allies of Mr Ashdown and Tony Blair insisted last night the relationship would not be affected, MPs in hoth parties predicted that there would be a "distancing operation" after the Liberal Democrat leader stands down

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the leadership contest to choose Mr Ashdown's successor. His policy of "constructive opposition" to Labour is unpopular with many grassroots Liberal Democrats, and so tempted to adopt a more cautious policy.

Much of the closer union between the two parties was Relations with Labour are down to the strong personal bound to be a critical issue in bond between Mr Blair and

Mr Ashdown, who met regularly in the run-up to the 1997 general election - often as a foursome with their wives.

Labour's landslide victory was hitter-sweet for the Liberal Democrat leader. Although he doubled his number of Westminster troops to 46, he knew leadership candidates will be that his preferred outcome of a hung Parliament - and the prospect of a Lib-Lab coalition, which he had discussed privately with Mr Blair - would elude him during his spell as

But to Mr Ashdown's amazement. Mr Blair found time to telephone him on the day after his great victory. "The deal is still on," the Prime Minister told

The "deal" meant that, although there would not be a formal coalition, Mr Blair would work closely with the Liberal Democrats. After talks involving Peter Mandelson, then minister without portfolio, senior Liberal Democrats including Mr Ashdown were invited to join a new cabinet committee

responsible for discussing constitutional reform.

Despite some grumblings in his party, Mr Ashdown could point to real gains from this cooperation, as the Government agreed to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into UK law and to bring in proportional representation for this June'a European Parliament elections - a fitting swansong for Mr Ashdown.

Mr Blair was keen to forge even closer links, in the hope of forming a centre-left alliance

that would dominate the next century in the way the Tories had dominated the 20th century.

Last November, the two leaders secretly agreed to extend the remit of the cabinet committee to other policy issues. But both ran into immediate flak from their own parties, and Liberal Democrat MPs demanded a veto on which policy areas could be discussed.

Mr Ashdown was known to be angry at the caution of his troops, but came under further pressure because of Mr Blair's

referendum in this Parliament on electoral reform for the House of Commons. Undamted - and knowing he

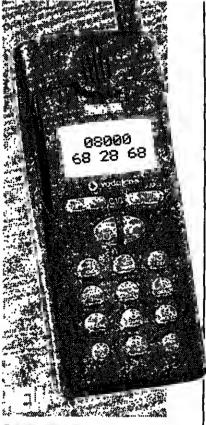
would stand down - Mr Ashdown managed one last advance this month when he and Mr Blair agreed the cabinet committee would discuss plans for a new European Union foreign and defence policy.

Labour critics of Lib-Lab cooperation, led by John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister.

refusal to commit himself to a tion last month as a platform to warn Mr Blair not to push ahead with closer collaboration. They will be delighted that Mr Ashdown's decision to quit will boost their campaign.

But Mr Blair will not be deflected from his historic mission. Whoever succeeds Mr Ashdown will receive the full force of the Prime Minister's charms. "We may have a temporary chill, but in the long run Tony Blair will ensure that warm relations resume," one

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Prospect of a big job in Europe

PADDY ASHDOWN said that his By IAN BURRELL AND decision to stand down was a KATHERINE BUTLER "very personal" one which be had taken with his wife, Jane, before the last general election.

He said that ordinary people would see the decision - after his successor. 11 years as leader and as he approaches his 58th birthday - as essentially human. "Indeed when I was first

elected for Yeovil in 1983, I I do know that, love this calling tive political figure rather than promised myself that I would not though I do, I have never been a career civil servant. do the job beyond my 60th birthday and would stand down no later than the general election after that date. I believe that judgement was right," he said.

The soldier turned diplomat and politician has told friends be has no specific post fined up. But it is thought he believes he still has one more job left, although it is almost certain to be outside politics.

Whatever job be takes it will be one that allows him to spend more time with his family. In his letter to MPs, he wrote: "For Jane and myself. this will be a chance to rediscover parts of our life with our family and friends which have had to be pushed to the margins in these past hectic years." He is likely

to withdraw almost completely from the Liberal Democrats, not wanting to undermine Mr Ashdown wrote: "No

doubt there will also be new know what they will be yet. But, so obsessive about politics that I see it as the only thing there is in my life!" Some party sources were

predicting last night that his future was in Europe where he has already won distinction by demonstrating a special understanding of the recent turmoil in the Balkan states and former Soviet Union.

The ideal role for Mr Ashdown might already have been created as the prestigious new

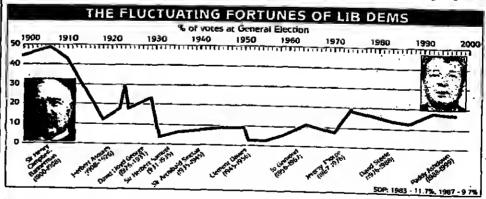
post of EU Foreign Policy Tsar. Senior diplomatic sources speculated last night that Mr Ashdown now stands a very strong chance of becoming Britain's nominee for the position. The job is being created in response to the long-held complaint that foreign heads of state never know who to ring at the EU when a crisis breaks.

The Government has already nominated Sir David Hannay, the former British ambassador to the UN. But EU leaders agreed last month that the post, known by its French challenges to seek out. I do not acronym as Mr or Ms Pesc, must be given to an authorita-

> Mr Ashdown's immense energy and his passionate involvement in troubled spots such as Bosnia and Kosovo would enhance his chances, it is believed. Against that, he has never been a government minister and he is not yet backed by the two big European political "families", the Socialists

and the Christian Democrats. He would also be suited to a position with the United Nations or Nato.

Closer to home, Mr Ashdown's special interest is Northern Ireland. He served there in the Army, his family are from the province and he was teased at school for his Ulster accent. His links would attract him to a role working for peace.



Voters of Yeovil praise 'colossal achievements'

FRIENDS IN Mr Ashdown's By MIKE BROWNHILL Yeovil constituency spoke last night of their sadness at his announcement and paid tribute to his "colossal achievements" for the Liberal Democrats. A close friend and former

constituency party chairman. Canon Miles Raikes, said Mr Ashdown broke the news of his resignation to him on Tuesday. He said: "My first reaction is

gratitude for all that he has done for us both locally and nationally. When he came to this constituency we were in third place. Every seat in Somerset was held by the Tories, but now we have got most of them. "Paddy's achievements have

been absolutely colossal. "My second reaction is this he has shown great wisdom in giving the party notice of his decision. He was thinking of the party as well as himself and that is typical of Paddy."

He added: "This is very much the end of an era." Stephanie Bailey, vice-

chairman of the constituency party said: "I think we accepted that he was going to step down sometime. Locally, we are pleased that we are going to have him back as our MP when he steps down as leader, although he has always been a

very good servant to the town. "Paddy has promised us that we are going to identify a successor and he is going to work closely with that person to enable the work that we have done to carry on."

The mayor, Roger Baker, said he believed Mr Ashdown would now take a back seat in public life. "I am as surprised as anyone to hear the news -Paddy will certainly be missed.

"He has worked hard to get

where he is and obviously he feels now is the time to go. I really don't know what he will do but he will probably step back into the background.

"I think that is what this is all about - he wants a home life and he certainly deserves one after such a lot of hard work."

Nick Speakman, chairman of South Somerset district council and Mr Ashdown's agent during five general election campaigns, said he had pledged years ago to stop being an MP by the time he reached 60.

Mr Speakman said: "This is not entirely a surprise because Paddy confided in me some years ago that he would not remain an MP after he was 60.

"I think that for anyone to be the leader of a third party who does not have all the advantages and trappings of a Prime Minister or of Leader of the Opposition is a huge strain."

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Eating fibre 'may not stop cancer'

ANOTHER SHIBBOLETH OF BY JEREMY LAURANCE healthy living fell yesterday as US scientists reported that dietary fibre, the raison d'être of most breakfast cereals, may offer no protection against

The finding, from one the world's largest studies, of over 88,000 women, will send shockwaves through the medical and dietary communities. The Cancer Research Campaign, one of Britain's largest cancer charities, last year joined forces with Kellogs, makers of All-Bran, to promote high-fibre breakfast cereals in a deal worth £1m over three years.

The lack of fibre in the average Western diet – which is low in vegetables, cereals and fruit - has been thought to be the key to many of the chronic diseases of modern living. Now experts suggest that the presence of sugar rather than the absence of fibre in the diet may account for the high inci-

dence of bowel cancer. The study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine was conducted by a team led by Charles Fuchs at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's HospiHealth Editor

tal in Boston, Massachusetts. The researchers used as their subjects women enrolled in the huge nurses' health study which began in the mid-1970s and followed them for 16 years from 1980. Separate research is being conducted on cancer incidence among male doctors in the physicians' health study.

The women, who had no history of cancer or bowel disease at the start of the study, gave details of their diet in a questionnaire. By 1996, 787 had developed bowel cancer and 1,012 growths on the gut wall. But, to the researchers' surprise, no link was found between cancer and consumption of fibre.

For at least three decades, dietary fibre has been thought to act as a kind of colonic hroom, sweeping food through the gut more quickly and di-luting toxic chemicals that build up there. The main evidence was that bowel cancer was almost unknown in Africa, where vegetables and grains are the staple diet

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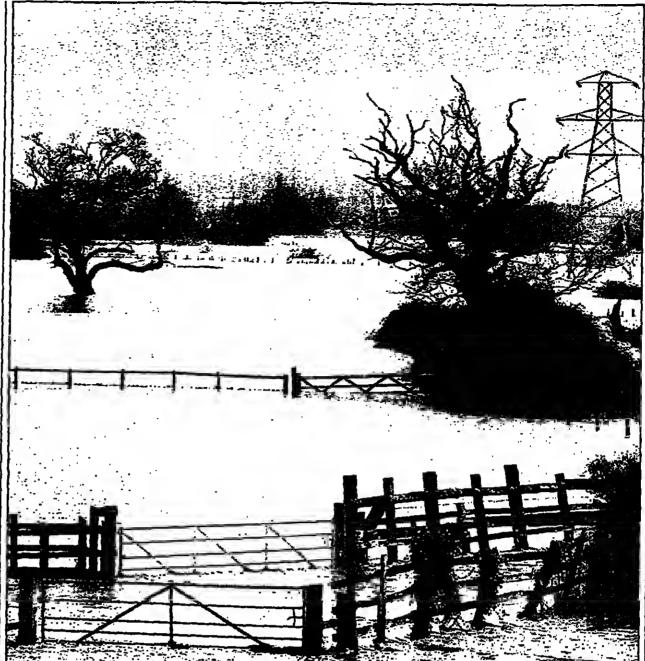
studies of the link have been "inconclusive", according to the authors, and the findings cast doubt on whether it exists. But they add that there are other good reasons for eating more fibre because it protects against heart disease.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr John Potter of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle, says in the light of the unexpected findings it may be time to re-examine the biology of bowel cancer and seek another culprit.

"Is it really a surfeit of sugar not an absence of fibre, that causes the risk of colorectal cancer to increase? Somewhat ignored, sugar consumption is consistently associated with the risk of colorectal cancer and in a dose-response fashiou."

There are 31,000 cases of bowel cancer a year in the UK and 17,500 deaths. Ministers have pledged to cut the number of deaths in the under-65s by at least a fifth by 2010.

Gordon McVie, director of the Cancer Research Campaign, said: "This is a very important study. It suggests. different components of fibre may have different effects."



Flooded fields near Exeter after heavy rain caused the River Exe to overflow

Why ET hasn't phoned us yet

BY CHARLES ARTHUR Technology Editor

SCIENTISTS MAY finally have worked out why ET has not yet been in touch. They think that in what could be seen as cosmically bad luck - any alien species that in the past was on the verge of exploring space was wiped out by radiation

from colliding stars. However, aliens could now be on their way as the galactic weather has improved in the past few billion years, says Dr James Annis, an astrophysicist at the Fermilab, in Chicago.

Though the idea put forward hy Dr Annis in today's New Scientist may sound fanciful, it does explain something that has mystified astronomers for decades. Our galaxy, the Milky Way, is 10 billion years old and only about 100,000 light years across. Logically, any spacefaring race able to travel even at just one-thousandth of the speed of light would pervade the galaxy in just 100,000 years.

But repeated searches for signs of extraterrestrial intelligence have all failed. That, Dr Annis suggests, could be because although life may have arisen all over the galaxy in the past, it kept being wiped out by intense radiation from "gamma ray bursters" caused by the collision of superdense stars whose radiation could sterilise an entire planet in moments.

Police search for missing schoolgirls

MORE THAN 100 police offi- BY KATE WATSON-SMYTH cers with tracker dogs were searching yesterday for two 10-year-old girls from Hastings, in Sussex, who have not been seen since they set off on a 500-yard walk to school on Tuesday morning.

The parents of Lisa Hoodless for their safe return and expressed coocern that Christ Church girls' school bad not rung to tell them their daughters did not arrive. Their worries were compounded when the police revealed that parents of all children at the school had been warned about a man seen loitering in the area.

Detective Superintendent Jeremy Paine, the detective who led the hunt for the killer of the Hastings teenager Billie Jo Jenkins, was drafted in yesterday to lead the hunt for the girls. He also expressed concern: "If they have no money or clothing, that's worrying as it's getting dark and because of the weather. Thirty-six hours is a long time for these two 10year-olds to be away from home, and that worries me a lot. As time goes by it's more and more worrying, both to the

parents and to us." he said. For the past month Lisa and Charlene have walked to school telling their parents they wanted to be "responsible". Philom-





Missing: Lisa Hoodless (top) and Charlene Lumnon

stepmother, said Charlene had been nervous of walking to together each morning after to school in the mornings and I would pick her up after school because it was dark and she ena Lunnon, Charlene's said that was fine," she said.

Her father, Keith, said the children were allowed to walk because the 10-minute route did not pass any major roads or wooded areas and because they were both "very streetwise".

But both sets of parents said they wanted an explanation about why they were not told not arrived at school.

It was only when Julie Hoodless, Lisa's mother, arrived at 4pm to collect her daughter that she discovered neither child had been at school all day.

She said that every time her daughter had been too ill to attend school in the past, she had always telephoned the school immediately.

The school's headteacher, Anne Hanney, said that teachers would not have been aware that the girls had set off for school that morning. "We follow up all absences but you cannot do it the same day," she said. Mrs Lunnon said: "Charlene

was normally home by 3.45pm. When 4.45pm passed and when 5.30pm went, I knew that something was very, very wrong." Lisa's father, Andrew, a gar-

dener, appealed for her to come home yesterday. "We are very scared. She's never played truschool after they received the scared. She's never played tru-letter warning them about the ant before. She's a very happy man. "I told her she could walk girl, very bright and intelligent." Both sets of parents insisted that neither girl had any problems either at home or at

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Child sex attacker jailed for life

A PAEDOPHILE was jailed for life yesterday for a string of sex attacks on boys. Leeds Crown Court was told that Ahm Evans, 23, was identified from security cameras after he raped a 13-year-old boy in the toilets of a Leeds store last August. He admitted the offence, the rape of a six-year-old boy in 1995 and a sample offence of indecent assault.

New man in Whelan press role

JOHN KINGMAN, an official who is bead of the Treasurv's productivity unit, has taken over as head of communications following the departure of Charlie Whelan. A new special adviser will be appointed "in due course". But the Treasury said there would be no direct replacement in that role for Mr Whelan.

Child dies of meningitis

A TODDLER who attended a BBC crèche in Wales died in hospital from suspected meningitis. Another child from the nursery is said to be stable in University Hospital, Cardiff. Up to 80 children and staff at the Acorns creche near the BBC Llandaff studios have been given antibiotics as a precaution.

New hope on Lockerbie suspects

LIBYA COULD hand over the two men accused of the Lockerbie bombing within weeks, a key go-between said. South African envoy, Jakes Gerwel, said after talks with the Libyans that he detected a desire in Tripoli to con-

clude the affair "as speedily as possible". Matchbox Merc fetches £4,100

A TOY car which cost less than three shillings (15p), sold at auction in London yesterday for £4,100. The Mercedes Benz 230SL, made in 1968, fetched a record price for a Matchbox toy because of its apple green colour used only in a trial.

Knoydart deal falls through

THE THEATRE impresario Sir Cameron Mackintosh has reluctantly backed away from a £650,000 deal to secure the future of the 70 settlers of Knoydart, an isolated mountainous knuckle on the west coast of Scotland.

Sir Cameron was said to be "close to tears" yesterday at the breakdown of negotiations to buy the 17,000-acre Knovdart estate in the Lochaber district of the Highlands, and lease it back to the community.

There were angry recriminations within the communityled Knoydart Foundation at the surprise turn of events. The sticking point for Sir Cameron, who owns the neighbouring Nevis estate, was the "right to buy" sought by residents and two conservation bodies, the John Muir Trust and the Brasher Trust, a land charity headed by Chris Brasher, the former Olympic athlete turned entrepreneur.

Sir Cameron's departure leaves the foundation £300,000 short of the asking price.

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Public schools accept drug culture

ONE IN THREE 14-year-olds By JUDITH JUDDin leading public schools has tried drugs and one in ten is a regular user, head teachers

said yesterday. A survey also showed that more than four out of ten sixth-

formers have tried drugs. schools who commissioned the survey are said to be "stumed" by these findings.

A report from the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference argues that illegal drug-taking "is no longer limited to a disaffected and rebellious few. It is part of the culture

of teenagers". It suggests that schools should end the "zero option" of expelling pupils for all drug offences. Instead, they should concentrate on drug education and random tests for pupils sus-

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pected of using drugs. While drugs are the greatest concern for heads of boarding schools, the report says, day school heads are more concerned about the use of alcohol. More than half of boarding schools, but only a quarter of day schools, reported that they

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had at least one drug-related incident a year.

The heads recommend that senior pupils be issued with identity cards and that staff in The heads of the fee-paying all pubs and off-licences be

urged to request to see them. The survey of 2,400 pupils in 20 schools, carried out by the Schools Health Education Unit. found that slightly fewer 14year-olds in public schools had used drugs than 14-year-olds in state schools. One in three heads expected to find as few as 5 per cent of their younger

pupils had tried illegal drugs. Only among girls is drugtaking more prevalent in private schools than in state schools. Cannabis is by far the most frequently used drug, and six out of ten pupils believe it is not harmful. Poppers come

next but Ecstasy is very rare. The report is firmly against the legalisation of cannabis and challenges pupils' belief that it is safe. But it argues that schools should be flexible "While it is arguable that the

'zero option' approach of prohibition and threats may well have inhibited even greater proliferation, it is clear that, by itself, it will not stop or solve the problem. We emphasise that this is not a reason for abandoning it, particularly in schools which have confidence in it, but many schools are choosing to

modify it." Boarding schools take a tougher line than day schools. Just over half-compared with a fifth of day schools - expel students automatically for bringing drugs into school. Threequarters of boarding schools but less than a third of day

schools – use drug testing. Patrick Tobin, a past president of the conference, said both the police and the Government needed to do more to break the "chain of supply" of drugs to young pupils, usually outside of school, Mr Tobin, head of Stewart's Melville Coilege and Mary Erskine School in Edinburgh, said: "If I pursue the drugs chain in Edinburgh. I find it almost unchecked. I see no evidence that the police are

interested in the small fry."

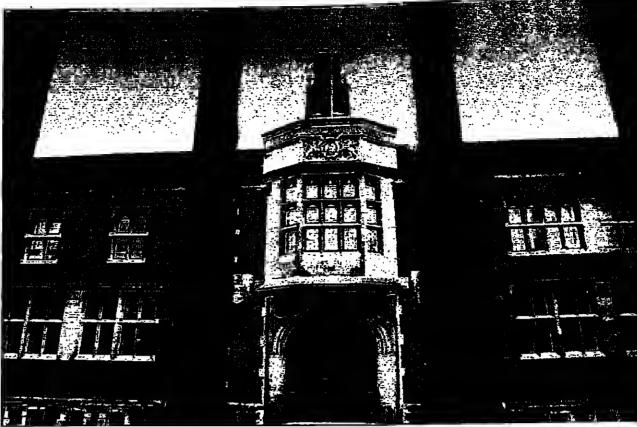
Dr John Barrett, head of the Leys School, Cambridge, chaired the working party that produced the report. He uses the more flexible approach to drug-taking incidents, which increasing numbers of public schools are adopting.

"We say that if you are involved in drugs in any way then you are liable to be expelled. I would always expel someone for dealing in drugs. But we have some flexibility in the policy and I may use suspension for some pupils if I have reason to believe they feel they have made a serious mistake "

Dr Barrett secures the written agreement of all parents to conduct drug tests on those pupils suspected of taking drugs or those found in posion of drugs. He said he would suspend a

who had no previous record of drug-taking. James Sabben-Clare, head of Winchester and this year's HMC chairman, said that any pupil involved with drugs was liable to be expelled but ex-

pupil who had used drugs and



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Move house to get medicine, says NHS chief

NHS PATTENTS who are denied By JEREMY LAURANCE the drugs they need because of "postcode rationing" should consider moving house to an area where the drugs are available, says the leader of Britain's NHS managers.

Stephen Thornton, chief executive of the NHS Confederation, said health migration, in which patients moved around the country in search of the drugs they needed, was a reality and to deny it was "unhelpful". Aids patients bad gathered 10 years ago in north-west London, where the services were best. It was a natural response. to an unsatisfactory situation.

"What the pressure groups should be doing is producing a directory of where you go if you

want better services." Mr Thornton's remarks are quoted in a report, Hard Rations, published yesterday by the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI), which describes a "patchwork of medical fieldoms across the country", each with its own rules about what drugs should be provided, but where the basis of the judgements is

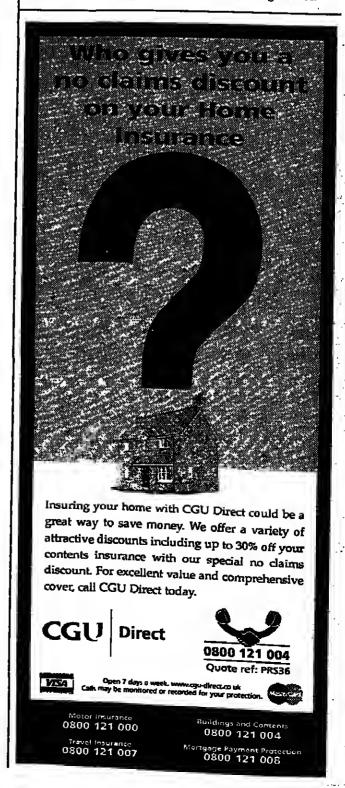
shrouded in secrecy. Some health authorities are less generous than others in their provision of drugs. North**Health Editor**

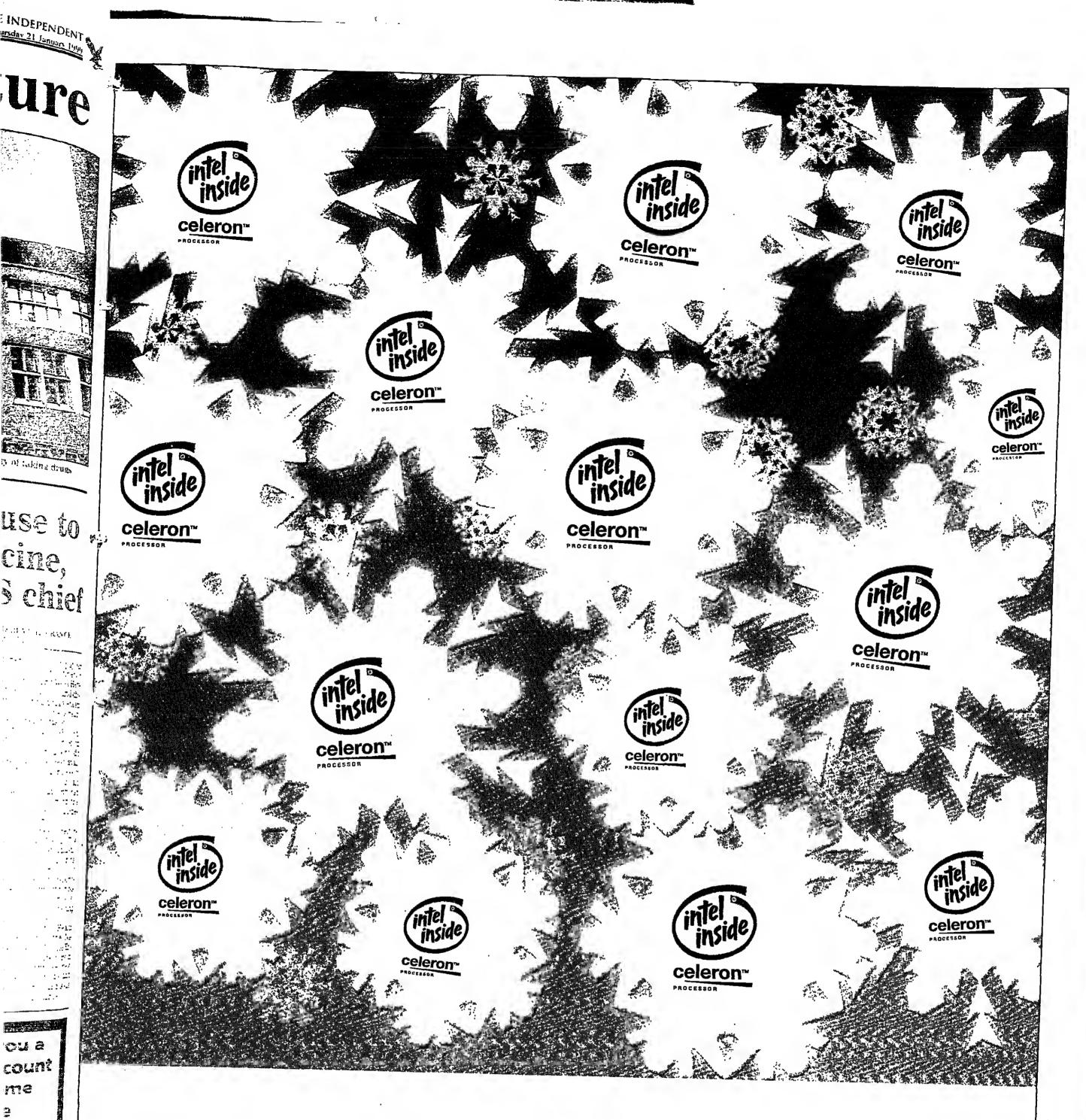
amptonshire will not pay for Taxol for first-line treatment of ovarian cancer and West Hertfordshire declines to fund cholesterol-lowering drugs except

to patients who have already survived a heart attack. A survey of 200 GPs conducted by NOP found almost six out of 10 said their patients did not always get the best available treatment, regardless of cost. Of these, over half said their local health authority had said it could not afford the treatment or had issued guide-

lines not to provide it. Dr Trevor Jones, directorgeneral of the ABPL said: "The Government has steadfastly denied there is a need for rationing, but this survey shows that doctors are not prescribing the best treatment for patients - primarily on cost grounds. That is only rationing

under another name." The Department of Health said yesterday that the National Institute for Clinical Excellence, which starts work in April, would appraise new treatments, new drugs and new medical devices and issue "authoritative" guidance.





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day for democracy?" asked Gillian grave and courteous exchange between the party leaders. The less pious-minded might have asked for their money back. I felt a pang of sympathy for those in the public gallery, who must have felt as you

"WOULD THE Prime Minister Fast Show and get back to find that agree with me that this is a great you've accidentally recorded a particularly dull passage of News-Merron, first up in Prime Minister's night. This sort of thing is all very Questions. She was referring to the
Government's White Paper on reyou worry about the intellectual repform of the House of Lords but the utation of the Mother of Parliamore pious-minded might have felt ments, but if you care at all about her remark was incidentally borne attendance figures for Westminout by the 15 minutes that fol-ster's most popular cabaret session lowed, an uncharacteristically you would have to hope that aberrant rationality would soon pass.

It did, naturally - a Tory question about interest rates finally break-ing the spell cast by the subject of Northern Ireland. As William Hague tried to persuade the House do when you've set the video for The that the prisoner release pro-

Mr Blair insisted on the opposite they acted with the meticulous civility of two men trying to pass each other on a narrow mountain ledge. Lose your footing on a matter of bipartisan agreement and you look bad all the way down. But when Mr Blair was finally knocked back into default mode and pulled out the rubber truncheon ("No more boom and bust!") there was an eruption of pent-up mockery from Tory backbenchers. They had sat patiently through the violin duet but now the clowns were back on and they were

THE SKETCH

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peers were listening to Baroness Jay confirm their order of execution. In his reply to her statement Lord determined to make up for lost time. Over in the Lords the hereditary Strathclyde had expressed the hope

that they would be spared "trite and a personal sense of mortality had cofacile denigration of this House incided with the moment a venerand its members", a plaintive request from the condemned that the tumbril should travel in silence and that its occupants would not be pelted with ordure by the common mob. Baroness Young rose to note that this was a "very sad day for the House".

Baroness Young can imbue the word "modernisation" with such revulsion that you might imagine it was a sexual practice too disgusting for voluntary participation in it to be thinkable, but she was right about the melancholy of the occasion - a sense that for many peers

prepared to breathe its last.

Baroness Thatcher, in funereal black for the occasion, nodded gravely as Lady Young spoke. And, true to the spirit of noblesse oblige, some venerable members were already fretting about their retainers. "Is the noble lady aware that many of us have been here for a long time", began Lord Longford, a faintly absurd prelude given that he looks as if he's been receiving his attendance allowance since the Crimean War.

Lord Longford wasn't worried

about his own future, it turned out, but those of the long-serving staff. Baroness Jay reassured him that they would be fully employed looking after the life peers. Lord Gifford was almost the last to speak, asking whether the Royal Commission might consider renaming the Upper Chamber as the House of Senators and for the first time there was a faint mutter of revulsion from the Conservative benchTHE GOVERN night that it so to grant of of the

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es. As it happened, Lord Strathclyde had already offered a better title for the awkward constitutional amphibian that will now painfully haul itself on to dry land - he called it Halfway House.

Hague calls for an end to early releases

THE TORIES came close to breaking the bi-partisan approach towards the Ulster peace process yesterday when William Hague told Tony Blair there should be no further early releases of prisoners unless a start was made on weapons decommissioning.

But while the Prime Minister agreed the recent wave of pened to him. punishment beatings was "to-tally unacceptable". he said halting the early-release pro-gramme would wreck the Good Friday Agreement.

The exchanges followed a decision by Andrew Hunter, the Tory MP for Basingstoke, to postpone plans to "name and shame" the man be believes is the Omagh bombmaker after appeals for him to stay silent from Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Sir Ron-nie Flanagan, the RUC Chief

Mr Blair stressed at question time that a difficult balance of judgement had to be struck and far from trying to damage the clear at the time that those who Northern Ireland peace deal, we are actually calling for the heinous crimes would not be re-Good Friday Ago

implemented".

NORTHERN IRELAND By Sarah Schaefer Political Reporter

Andrew Peden, who was tortured for 10 hours, left to die, lost both his legs, and "whose wife says he cries out every night as he relives what hap-

"Beatings like this are happening in increasing numbers, yet we are still releasing early prisoners belonging to the organisations responsible for these crimes. Would you agree these beatings are a hreach of the Good Friday Agreement?" he asked Mr Blair.

The Prime Minister made clear punishment beatings had always been "a very difficult issue" which the previous government grappled with during the first IRA ceasefire.

Mr Hague said it was not right to compare earlier release schemes with the present one "because it was made very had committed the most leased until the brst the next century ..."

organisations that want to benefit from the early release ... should give up violence'. You silent chamber of the case of pledged to the people of Northern Ireland that terrorists would have to bring an end to bombings, killings and beatings, progressive dismantling of paramilitary structures and full co-operation with the com-

mission on decommissioning. Given that none of these things are yet happening ... isn't it time to stop the early re-

lease of terrorist prisoners?" Amid Tory protests, the Prime Minister said: "You have to follow through the consequences of what you are saying.

We believe, on balance, this judgement is correct. But I don't, in saying that, minimise the difficulty of it. But the consequence of taking the course you are advocating is more serious than you are saying."

Sir Ronnie Flanagan had said on Friday there was no doubt that all the organisations responsible for the beatings, including those who purport to be in cessation of military operations, were en in this "repugnant activity", He said: "You told me on May Mr Hague told the Commons.



Michael Meacher, Environment minister, (right) and Derek Fatchett, Foreign Office minister, met at London Zoo yesterday to launch a campaign to end poaching of the 5,000 tigers left in the world

Protest motion on press 'sackings'

SIX TORY MPs signed a Commons Early Day Motion yesterday protesting at the "sackings at the Sunday Express". The motion was tabled. by the former Daily Telegraph political correspondent and Sunday Telegraph social affairs editor Julie Kirkbride, now MP for Bromsgrove.

The motion states that the House "notes with concern the summary dismissal of Ian Walker, executive editor of the Sunday Express and the attempted demotion of Amanda Platell, executive editor of the Sunday Express". It says this happened only weeks after the newspaper revealed details of the Right Honourable Member for Hartle pool's (Peter Mandelson's) tra to Brazil and his friendship with Reinaldo Avila da Silva".

It states that the proprietor of the Sunday Express, Labour peer and former adviser to the Right Hon Member for Hartiepool, exerted pressure on the editors of the Sunday Express to water down their story". That is a reference to Lord Hollick, chairman of the newspaper's owner, United News and Media. It calls on the Government "to support an open and iree press and hopes there will be no further resignations from

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Unpasteurised cows' milk allowed to remain on sale*

FANS OF unpasteurised "green-top" milk will be able to continue BY EILEEN MURPHY enjoying the drink after the Government announced yesterday it will not prohibit its sale.

The Agriculture Minister. Nick Brown, instead listed tougher measures to check bygiene standards of raw cows' drinking milk in an attempt to quell fears of health experts

who believe it could be harmful. Mr Brown said: "We have decided not to stop the drink's sale in England and Wales. However, we intend to introduce tighter checks to benefit consumers who choose to drink raw cows' drinking milk."

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pay for official checks while the retailers will have to give greater prominence to the statutory label warning that the milk may contain organisms harmful to health.

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Producers will continue to

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Labels must also include the Chief Medical Officer's advice that children, pregnant a chronic illness should not

drink the milk. The announcement follows more than a year of public consultation on proposals to ban green-top milk, which were recommended by the Advisory Committee on the Microbiological Safety of Food after surveys found food poisoning pathogens and evidence of

faecal contamination The sale of the drink has been banned in Scotland since 1983

and will remain unavailable. The Chartered Institute of

Environmental Health said the

those who are unwell or have had assumed the Government would follow the advice of its adisory committee and introduce a ban, particularly in light of the threat posed by emerging pathogens such as the

deadly E. coli 0157. The Consumers' Association, however, welcomed the Government's decision.

A spokesman said: "While there are valid concerns about the regular consumption of raw milk we believe these should be tackled by enforcing existing safety controls, clear labelling and making information about potential risks available for those choosing to drink it."

GM food benefits 'outweigh risk'

GENETICALLY MODIFIED (GM) crops and food offer potential benefits that far outweigh their risks, as long as there is a proper regulatory framework in place, a House of Lords committee declared

yesterday. The European Communities committee called for a new committee to watch the effects of GM crops on agriculture, the environment and labelling on foods that contained more than a certain level of GM suh-

stances.

The report, to which the Government will have to respood, looked only at modification of plants, noting that the application of gene modification to animals "is at a much earlier stage" and raises different ethical issues. "Genetic modification, like any new technology [carries] risks and it should only be applied when

they can be assessed and controlled," said Lord Reay, the chairman of the inquiry.
Baroness Young of Old Scone, the chairwoman of English Nature, added: "Everyone

must be confident that GM

crops will only be grown if

there are adequate safeguards,

BY CHARLES ARTHUR

Technology Editor human health and the wider environment."

The committee also noted that the UK's rigorous regulatory structure meant that if the potato were discovered tomorrow, the Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Practices would not license it, because under certain circumstances

potatoes produce toxins. But Greenpeace said: "At no point did they ask what the justification is for allowing companies involved in the genetic engineering of foods to expose the public and the environment to the risks posed by it."

Friends of the Earth said the report contained errors of fact - about whether organic farmers could use GM crops - and was "intellectually confused". Pete Riley, a food campaigner, called it "the wrong report. written at the wrong time, by

the wrong people". Ann Foster, for Monsanto. the hiotechnology giant, said: "Clearly, we are now moving towards a sensible discussion of the science, and away from properly enforced, for both scare stories and myths."





Third World population

Ministers were urged to increase efforts to stem population growth in developing nations as the fifth anniversary of the Cairo conference on population and

development approaches. Britain is yet to meet cash targets agreed then.

Driving danger MPs called for tougher sentences for motorists who cause death by dangerous driving so they reflect the seriousness of

the tragedy involved. Attack on EU

Lord Lamont of Lerwick, the former Tory Chancellor, launched a fierce attack on the European Union vesterday, claiming it would never be democratic because it was not a

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Peers warned 'don't look for a fight'

THE GOVERNMENT warned By ANDREW GRICE the 750 bereditary peers last night that it would scrap plans to grant 91 of them a temporary reprieve if they launched a pitched battle" against the Bill to abolish their right to sit and vote in the Lords.

Unveiling the Government's two-stage plan for radical reform of the second chamber, Margaret Beckett, the Leader of the Commons, announced that ministers would accept the compromise agreed by Tony Blair and Viscount Cranborne, which led to his sacking by William Hague as Tory leader in the Lords last mooth.

Mrs Beckett told MPs the Government would back the Cranborne plan if it enabled reform to proceed by consent, but warned: "It is not a concession to be extracted by pitched battie. Indeed, pitched battle will jeopardise the proposal."

The Bill to scrap the 800year-old rights of the hereditaries, published yesterday, revealed that they would keep their titles and that, once they were removed from the Upper House, they could vote and stand in general elections.

The Bill confirmed that the five hereditary peers in the Royal Family - the Prince of Wales and the Dukes of Edinburgh, York, Gloucester and Kent - would no longer be able to sit in the Lords. But Downing Street insisted the move did not signal any change to Britain's hereditary monarchy.

Ending the hereditaries' rights forms stage one of the Government's plan. In a White Paper yesterday, ministers revealed their thinking on the second stage, which they hope to have approved by Parliament before the next general election.

The present House of Lords would probably be replaced by a partly elected, partly appointed second chamber. Although the White Paper did not set out a blueprint for bow the members of the oew chamber would be chosen, it suggested ministers were attracted by a "mixed system", which avoided either a wholly elected or appointed House.

The document said the Commons must remain "prePolitical Editor

emineot" and that the Upper House "must not usurp or threaten the supremacy of the first chamber". It said that a fully elected Lords would risk provoking conflict.

The tone suggested that Mr Blair is unlikely to back demands from Labour leftwingers and the Liberal Democrats for a predominantly elected second chamber. Ministers said that baving some members appointed would safeguard the position of the crossbench independent peers, who they say play a valuable role.

Ministers revealed that some members could be "indirectly elected" by the new assemblies being set up in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and the planned re-

TIMETABLE

FOR REFORM This month: Bill to deprive 750 hereditary peers of their right to speak and vote in Lords is introduced in Commons (stage one of reform). Royal Commission on long-term (stage two) reforms starts work April: Bill on hereditaries goes to House of Lords July (or October): Bill receives Royal Assent. November: New session of Parliament opens with new-look "transitional House of Lords", with ranks of hereditarles reduced from 750 to 91 This would leave an upper chamber of 215 Torles;

Democrats: 148 crossbenchers. December: Royal Commission reports on plans for stage two. 2000: Joint committee of Commons and Lords considers Royal Commission report. Cabinet considers committee's Ideas. November 2000 or November 2001: Queen's

160 Labour; 48 Liberal

Speech may include legislation on stage two reforms, turning House into partly elected, partly

gional bedies for England. They believe this would help to allay fears that the devolution plans could weaken the Union.

Yesterday, ministers refused to be drawn on the balance between nominated and elected peers. They said that would depend on the functions and powers of the House, on which they would take final decisions after studying the recommendations of a Royal Commission, to be chaired by Lord Wakeham, the former Tory cabinet minister and chairman of the Press Complaints Commission. Gerald Kaufman, Labour MP for Gorton, will also serve on the

The White Paper promised "a modern, fit and effective second chamber of Parliament for the 21st century". It said the Government would "make every effort to ensure that the second stage of reform has been approved by Parliameot by the time of the general election".

Royal Commission.

But the Tories and some Labour MPs expressed scepticism that Mr Blair would stick to such a fast timetable. In the 500-member "transitional House", the Government said that no political party should have a majority. Mr Blair is likely to appoint about 50 new Labour life peers to give his party parity with the Tories, whose hereditaries currently enjoy a 3-1 advantage

To answer the charge he will pack the Lords with "Tony's cronies", Mr Blair is giving up some powers of patronage. A new, independent Appointments Commission will appoint crossbenchers and invite nominations for people's peers.

The Royal Commission which will report by the end of this year, will consider an enhanced role for the Lords in scrutinising EU legislation.

Although the Government will review the position of the law lords, this will fall outside the Royal Commission's remit. The Church of England bishops will remain, but ministers will look at ways of increasing the representation of other religious traditions.

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A Bill to strip hereditary peers of their rights and a Royal Commission on the Lords announced yesterday will change life for these peers

Tories attack 'half-baked' reform

LORD STRATHCLYDE, the Tory Leader in the Lords, spoke yesterday of his disquiet about the Government's proposals for a transitionary Upper Chamber, saying they marked a "sad day"

Launching his attack during the statement on Lords reform, be criticised the Government for failing to treat peers with the courtesy they deserved, "There is a deep sense of disquiet and regret about what you have announced, not because we always want to be as we are or where we are. We do not.

"Are we oot entitled to know in the long run where we are heading? We have seen no clear

By Sarah Schaefer Political Reporter

House of Parliament, and to say it is modernisation is simply not

enough." While welcoming the Royal Commission and the prospect of Lord Weatherill's amendment to retain 91 hereditaries until stage two, Lord Strathclyde, himself a hereditary peer, warned the Bill could bring to end the delicate balance between the two Houses of Parliament that had served Britain well.

We are not opposed to reform, but we do oppose these half-baked and self-seeking proposals masquerading as re-Review, page 3 visioo of the future for this form. What we will also ques-

tioo are gimmicks masquerading as solutions."

He was joined by Baroness Young, a Tory peer, who urged the Government to make "genuine" progress towards stage two of the reform. "Otherwise we end up with a transitional chamber dressed up in the new buzzword 'modernisation'

and ... legislation reminiscent of a sixth-form debate," Viscount Cranborne, wbo was sacked as Leader of the Lords by William Hague for accepting the deal to keep the 91 bereditaries, regretted the Government was not reforming the Upper Chamber in "one fell swoop". In the Commons, Tony

Benn, the Labour MP for

his peerage to sit in the Commons, voiced concern about government plans to accept

the Weatherill amendment. "Short term hereditary peers will rub shoulders with nominated people's peers who will have a job for life. We are entitled to an elected Parliament," be said.

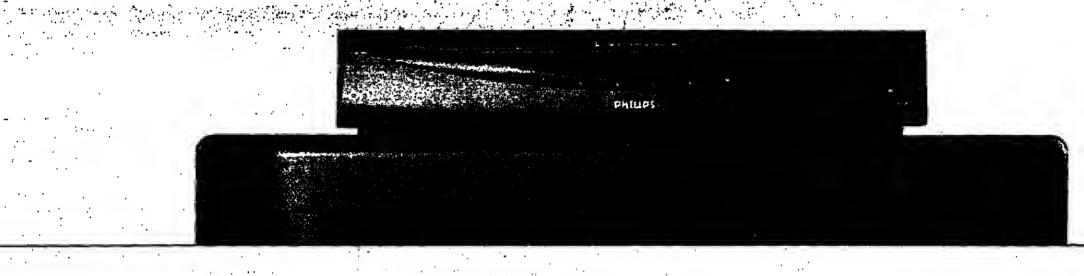
Kenneth Clarke, the former Tory chancellor, occused the Government of having embarked on Lords reform with "no policy" at all.

"Ministers are hoping the Royal Commission will come up with one. But not so quickly as to interfere with the Government's legislative timetable for

Chesterfield who relinquished the remainder of this Parlia-

ment," be said. Donald Anderson, Labour MP for Swansea East, said Parliament should guard against the Lords becoming a "retired persons' home for politicians".

Dennis Skinner, MP for Bolsover, argued the Royal Commissioo was a mistake. "We have got a parliament for Scotland, we are going to have a Welsh assembly, they're going to have another in Northern Ireland, in a few years there is going to be one in every region of England. Why on earth do we need a second Chamber at all? Adopt the Third Way - and get



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Gangland guns sold by bogus police officer

A FORMER Special Constable with a penchant for Harley-Davidson motorbikes makes on unlikely quartermaster to one of the country's most prolific suppliers of illegal guns. Nevertheless, police have netted a key figure in the underworld of firearms dealing.

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out firearms at his workshop in an industrial estate in Hove, group of impostors who trav-

also found his interest in guns years ago. He was first named further afield: he was in a as a firearms dealer after a joint police and MI5 operation in

Former Special Constable Anthony Mitchell, left, pleaded guilty to five counts of dealing in firearms that had been seized from criminals after police raids sub-machine-guns. A favourite weapon of US crack gangs, and known as "Big Macs", they can illegal guns. fire 1.200 rounds a minute. Police also found silencers, am-

He was arrested in July 1997

but freed him after a search at the Hove workshop failed to find

But officers from the National Crime Squad, assisted by the Organised Crime Unit at Scotland Yard and Strathclyde Police, set up a surveillance operation and kept tabs on one of Mitchell's associates, who was found to have 2.7kg of plastic explosives, two shotguns and a sub-machine-gun at his

Mitchell used the fact that he did not have a criminal record to set himself up as a legitimate supplier of licensed firearms to gun clubs and collectors.

But his secret work brought in the real money. As an engineer he developed a technique to reactivate firearms that were supposed to be permanently out

He obtained a ready supply of deactivated guns from shops and mail-order firms. His speciality, or trademark weapon, was the MAC-10, which he reactivated by fitting a new barrel and breech block.

Police tests identified more than 100 MAC-10s - seized in Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow, London, and south-east England – as being supplied by Mitchell. As well as MAC-10s, which cost £1,100 each including a silencer and 120 rounds, there were revolvers and pistols, costing £400 to £500. One of the weapons is be-

lieved to have been used for a street murder in Brixton, south London, in April 1997. Another was fired by a youth in Manchester at police officers in the Moss Side district.

Others were found during raids on drug stronghouses in tion of that."

arrested in October 1997 and 50 MAC-10s were found at his workshop.

Manchester, Mitchell was re-

Police discovered during a search of his run-down terraced house in Brighton that their target shared his fascination for firearms with a group of gun groupies.

With up to 12 other men Mitchell was part of a pseudo-SAS-style organisation known as the Black Shods, who dressed in black boiler-suits and webbing. The men had fake police identification cards, which they used to travel the world, including the United States, Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium, entering police shooting competitions. Videos and photographs were discovered of them competing for, and on occasions winning,

The police also discovered that Mitchell had been thrown out of the Sussex Police's volunteer uniformed Specials in 1993 after his gun connections came to light.

After Mitchell's guilty pleas at the Old Bailey in London on Tuesday he was remanded in custody and will be sentenced on 19 February, when he could get a maximum jail term of 10.

Detective Constable Cliff Purvis, of the National Crime Squad, said: "Some of the weapons which bore the Mitchell 'signature' mark have been used in killings and to fire at police.

"I'm sure he was one of the major contributors to illegal firearms in this country - he was a big fish, there's no co



THE SUPPLY of meat to shops BY BARRIE CLEMENT faces severe disruption after slaughterhouse inspectors voted yesterday to strike, sparking what will be the first national dispute between public servants and the Government.

Union leaders warned that the stoppages would have an immediate impact on supplies and attacked the Government for interfering in pay negotiations.

While the industrial action. due to start within the next fortnight, will involve only 1,000 inspectors it will be difficult to process meat for human consumption without them. They voted for a series of one, two and three-day strikes. The inspectors examine beef, lamb, pork and poultry carcasses be-fore they are released from abattoirs and sold to supermarkets and butchers.

The conflict is a key test of ministers' attitudes towards unions and comes when relations between union leaders and Tony Blair seemed to be improving.

Senior officials at the public service union Unison complained that the Treasury and the Cabinet Office intervened in talks at the eleventh hour last year to insist that there should be no salary increase unless there was a productivity agreement. Despite a government commitment to "social partnership", the union has not been invited to talks over

In the result announced yesterday - and predicted in The Independent - some 61 per Labour Editor

cent of Unison members employed by the Meat Hygiene Service voted for action in a turnout of 57 per cent - rela-

tively high for such a ballot. Keith Sonnet, assistant general secretary of the union, called for fresh talks with management, but warned that industrial action would hegin before 2 February unless there was a satisfactory settlement.

Inspectors will be called out on a 24-hour strike initially, but the stoppages will then be extended to last two and three

The 12-month-old dispute is over a 3.65 per cent increase on basic wages imposed on the inspectors by management after negotiations broke down last year. The union is seeking an increase of at least 4.7 per cent to match rises elsewhere in the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food. Employees' representative initially claimed a rise of 5 per cent or £650 a year, whichever was greater.

The officials are paid a maximum of £15,000 basic salary, but can earn up to £25,000 if they work 60 hours a week.

Johnston McNeill, chief executive of the Meat Hygiene Service, has written to local authorities urging them to deploy environmental health officers to abattoirs in the event of walkouts. However, most of the council employees are Unison members and are being urged not to break the strikes.

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Smith: Ours is the best millennium

BRITAIN'S PLANS for celebrat- BY LOUISE JURY ing the millennium are the most ambitious in the world. Chris Smith said yesterday. But the festivities will not succeed unless the British people throw their hearts into them, warned the Secretary of State for Culture.

More than £2bn is being spent by the Millennium Commission on projects that will open across the country at a rate of one a week from now until the end of 2000.

Mr Smith said the celebrations would make the UK the "global capital of the millennium" and earn it more than £2.5bn from increased tourism.

"The scale and quality of the eoterprise ... is unparalleled." he said. "We've got further, faster in preparing for this year of celebration than any other country, and every time I go around the world, meeting my colleagues in other governmeots, they say how much they admire what we have done."

But with preparations in place and with less than a year to go, Mr Smith said the British people had to support the am-

bitious plans. "The millennium significance in people's hearts. People will not get involved in activities just for the sake of it." be said. "They will do so because they realise that the millennium is an extraordinary momeot in time and, as such, offers the ideal opportunity to undertake something oew, pos-

itive and interesting." Mr Smith said that he was "absolutely confident" the Millennium Dome and the Jubilee Line underground extension, which is due to carry hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Dome, would be completed in time.

ed for only ooe-fifth of the Millennium Commission's spending. There was one capmiles of the country, including the Dynamic Earth visitor ceotre oo geology and evolution in Scotland, which was awarded £15m, and a national space science ceotre in Leicester, which was granted £23.2m. Smaller 2000, spending £14.7bn.

awards of about £2,000 are to be given to more than 40,000 people for local educational, enviis oothing if it does not carry a ronmental and community projects. Some of the first recipieots will meet the Prime Minister today.

The British economy was also benefiting from the jobs boost created by many of the projects, Mr Smith said. Two thousand people are building the Dome, for example, and another 5,000 will be employed during the year it is open.

The Secretary of State for Culture was speaking to an audience representing organisations preparing for year 2000 celebrations. It was his first appearance with his full team of millennium ministers, including He said the Dome account-Lord Falconer of Thoroton. Peter Mandelson's successor in charge of the Dome project. "We have just 346 days to get it ital project for every 30 square right, but I am absolutely sure we will," Mr Smith said.

Figures from the British Tourist Authority predict that the annual total of overseas visitors will increase from 25.5 millioo in 1997 to 27.5 millioo in



The Secretary of State for Culture, Chris Smith, says he is 'absolutely confident' the Millennium Dome will be ready by 2000

What About the Rest?

US: Has founded the White House Millennium Council to celebrate the accomplishments of "this American century" and convey its heritage to future generations. Plans include: Con-



necting every classroom to the Internet; three-year preservation plan for the national archives; a free, year-long artistic festival at the Kennedy Center; tripling the size of the Peace Corps volunteers global learning part-

nership programme Australia: Millennium postponed to 2001 because of the Sydney Olympics In 2000; massive waterfront party

planned for New Year's Eve New Zealand: Celebrations are focused on the east



coast town of Gisborne, on the North Island, where the first sunrise of 2000 (after the tiny nearby island of Pitt) will be over Mount Hikurangi. Events include: A Pacific tall ships festival; a 1,000km First To The Sun bicycle ride for 2,000 people from Auckland to Gisborne; a festival

of Maori culture and contemporary music. In Auckland, the city's millennium project group is staging a series of

Germany: No special celebrations planned Brazil: Extra spectacular fireworks display on Copacabana



(about £36m), boosted with money from local authorities and business sponsors to celebrate. Plans include: A mass picnic on Bastille Day; a series of science seminars; concerts along the length of the Paris ringroad; grants to 10 young in-

Fate of 'Alcatraz' prison in doubt

THE FUTURE of the £3m unit BY IAN BURBELL designed to hold the most dangerous prisoners in England and Wales was hanging in the Prisons, and Stephen Shaw, the balance last night after a legal

challenge by two inmates. A London High Court judge reserved judgment after hearing that two armed robbers had been sent "unlawfully and unfairly" to the unit at Woodhill prison, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, which is known as "Alcatraz".

Lawyers for Rifat Mehmet and Sean O'Connor said Woodhill's close supervision centre had been described as a "brutalising environment". The basic regime forces prisoners to use cardboard mattresses and go without books and other personal possessions. All privileges must be earned by good behaviour.

If the inmates are successful in their legal challenge the Prison Service will be forced to conduct an overhaul of how the unit is used and which offend-

ers are referred there. The conditions have conam, the Chief Inspector of

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director of the Prison Reform Trust, who described them as "barren" and "cruel".

Mehmet and O'Connor are serving 27 years and 12 years respectively. The unit also houses notorious prisoners such as the hostage-taker Charles Bronson, who changed his name to that of the American actor, and the kidnapper Michael Sams.

The court was told Mehmet spent 23 hours a day locked in his cell. A psychiatrist had concluded that his continued detentioo in the unit would "produce psychotic symptoms in the extreme".

The centre, which was opened last February, is combined with two other units at Hull and Durham prisons to provide 53 places for the most violent inmates, with about 30 held

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The aircraft-carrier 'USS Enterprise', which is joining Nato forces in the Adriatic, providing additional means for a possible rescue of manitors in Kosova

Allies cautious as Nato forces gather in Adriatic



DESPITE YESTERDAY'S an- BY RUPERT CORNWELL nouncement of the despatch of more ships and warplanes to the Adriatic and a halving of the readiness time for air attacks, there is still some way to go before the West resorts to force against President Milosevic to end the Kosovo crisis.

The arrival in particular of Nato's Strike Force South, including the US aircraft-carrier Enterprise, will increase allied firepower and provide additional means for rescuing the 700 monitors from the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in Kosovo before any military action. But British officials said "this does not mean that air strikes are imminent."

The mood is different from October, when B-52 bombers

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had their engines running, waiting to take off from British airfields. Acutely conscious of the lack of a "day-after" strategy, me major powers are today stressing more vigorously the need for a political solution even though that has never looked more remote.

The dilemma is simple but deadly: what happens when yon have bombed Yugoslav army installations and equipment, and perhaps solidified Serb popular support behind Mr Milosevic, while hastening Kosovo's moves towards the full independence which you absolutely do not want?

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preparatioo of military action sbould all else fail. And, as Tony Blair acknowledged yesterday for the first time, this might have to he ude deployment of Nato ground troops.

But the underlying question is the same as when the ethnic Albanian insurrection in Kosovo burst upon the world's attention almost a year ago: will Mr Milosevic make the political concessions necessary to avert the use of force?

There are three immediate demands of the Yugoslav president: he must permit outside investigation of the massacre at Racak, rescind the expulsion order against William Walker. head of the monitors, and reproach, as it is now being pack-aged: the pursuit of a political levels of February 1998, as stipulated in the October ceasefire eal with the US envoy Richard Holbrooke.

At the time, that part of the agreement was never spelt out precisely; but Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, told the Commons this week that 12 army and special police companies were "out of barracks" ie in the field, suppressing ethnic Albanian "terrorists"), compared with a maximum of three

companies agreed in October. The next acid test of Mr Milosevic's intentions comes today, when he is to meet Knut Volleback, the Norwegian Foreign Minister and chairman of OSCE. He will stress that the

50-odd member-countries all approved Mr Walker's appointment, and were adamant be should stay on.

As the military track proacous, so does the th Officials from the Contact Group of leading powers will discuss the crisis in London tomorrow, and shortly thereafter their ministers will meet. Only then, at the earliest, would military strikes be undertaken.

But, as in October, the group is divided. The US is the most forthright in threatening military action, while Russia remains adamantly opposed. Britain, France, Germany and Italy are somewhere in between. Now as then, hope persists in European capitals that duce his forces in Kosovo to the Moscow, whose deputy foreign minister is in Belgrade, will bave some infl Yugoslav leader.

But few ourture illusions: "Milosevic will push to the very brink before giving ground, one diplomat predicted after the alliance's top generals came back empty-handed from Belgrade oo Tuesday. And what, for instance, if he

permits Mr Walker to stay, and even allows in war-crimes investigators - but presses on with his crackdown none the less? Would that satisfy the West? Only one thing is certain: that oo ooe is more skilled than Mr Milosevic at playing upon his opponent's own divi-

Monitor stays while Serbs attack villages

A DEFIANT William Walker. By PAUL WOOD bead of the International Mooitoring Mission in Kosovo, returned to bis headquarters esterday apparently intent on gnoring a Yugoslav order to leave the country later today.

"It's good to be back," Mr Walker declared as be arrived in the regional capital, Pristina. He had earlier been advised by the chairman of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Knut Volleback, that it would be wrong to give in to the Yugoslavs "outrageous provoca-

But as Mr Walker strode into his office, ethnic Albanian refugees were fleeing the latest outbreak of fighting. Serbian special police units clashed with the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army near the town of

Reporters saw the bodies of two ethnic Albanians. One was covered with ammunition belts. and a machine gun lay by his side. The other was carrying a oistol Rebels said they opened fire

after Serb forces shelled the nearby village of Vraganica. Dozens of frightened ethnic Albanian civilians fled the fighting aboard borse-drawn carts as the two sides exchanged semi-automatic and machine

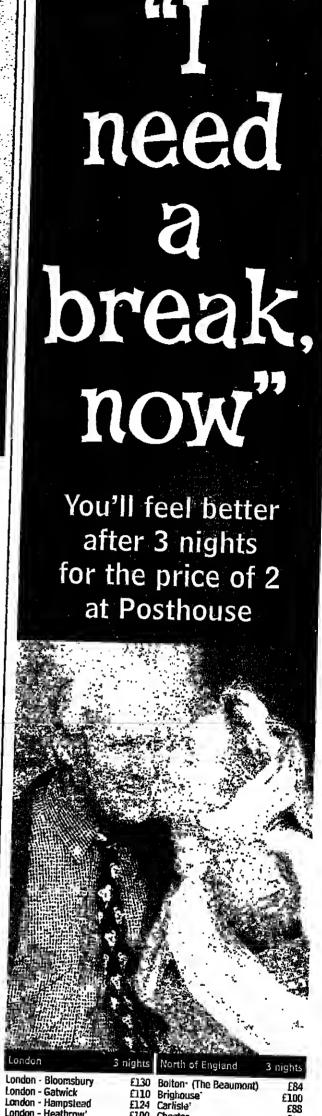
gun fire. The Serb media also reported that a Serb mother and her two children were injured before dawn yesterday when a mortar exploded on their home in a village near Sipolje. One child, a 14-year-old girl, was seriously wounded.

Refugees were last night struggling through knee deep winter mud across the hillside in central Kosovo. One woman carried a young child oo her shoulders. As KLA fighters went the other way many of the refugees made victory signs.

"The police came early in the morning," one distraught woman said. "We didn't have time to get clothes for children. We just ran." Everywhere there was hope that NATO would intervene, along with disappointment about international community's actions so far.

"We expected to have to suffer for a free Kosovo," said one KLA fighter, "but we did not expect to be betrayed by the

The chief U.N. war crimes prosecutor, Louise Arbour, left neighbouring Macedonia yesterday for The Hague, Netherlands, after having been refused permission twice in two days to enter Yugoslavia.



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Clinton adulation eclipses the trial

STILL ON trial in the Senate for his job and his legacy, President Bill Clinton was riding higher yesterday than at almost any other time in his six-year presidency after a triumphant State of the Union address on Tuesday night and an impressive defence from his lead lawyer, Charles Ruff, in the Senate that afternoon. As his lawyers prepared for the second day of his Senate defence, opinion polls showed his job approval rate soaring, to 70 per cent and

Basking in the adulation of his friends and the grudging admiration of many foes, Mr Clinton turned his hack on Washington politics for the day and flew to New York State and Pennsylvania to take his message of a strong America, more energised - as he put it - and more prosperous than ever direct to the people.

ANDREW MARSHALL in Washington

posals in his State of the Union address was coming under attack from Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. Questioned by members of Congress at a House committee hearing, Mr Greenspan said he opposed any measure that would lead to funds from the United States state pension scheme being invested in stock markets. Mr Clinton had suggested that a part of the massive budget surplus be put into stocks to help to head off the system's bank-

eration reached retirement. Mr Greenspan said he be-Government would cause big problems for the stock market. "Because I do not believe that

ington, one of the key policy pro- sets in a way which will create supremely confident President a greater concern, that it will create sub-optimal use of our term and a half in office. capital resources and those assets which create our standard of living," he said.

dicated an unusual divergence of opinion between the two men who are jointly credited with the unprecedented run of growth enjoyed by the US in recent years. Even though the ideas set out in the State of the Union address are presidential intentions rather than nationruptcy as the baby-boom gen- al policy, and must be enshrined in Bills or the Budget and submitted to the Congress lieved that investment by the for approval, such an early rejection of a proposal from so authoritative a source is rare.

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There was no hint of any con-

cern about the fact that his audience contained the more than Mr Greenspan's remarks in- 200 Representatives responsible for his impeachment - in that very Chamber - or the 100 Senators who are his jurors by day on the other side of the Capitol. Although the constitutional process set in train by the allegations about Mr Clinton and Monica Lewinsky a year ago is now in its final, and crucial, stage, there seemed not a cloud on the President's hori-2011. Some even feared that his very self-assurance might turn the Senate against him: "He is almost taunting them," one commentator said.



White House counsel Cheryl Mills in August, during the early days of the Lewinsky investigation

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the Clinton campaign. Ms Mills is one of two

fence team is the White House chief counsel, Charles Ruff, who gave the opening statement on Tuesday from his wheelchair. Mr Ruff - who, like Mr Clinton, is of humble origins is a former Watergate prosecutor and lawyer for Anita Hill in her landmark sexual harassment case against the Supreme Court nominee. Clarence Thomas. He has been crippled since contracting polio in Africa in his youth.

Mr Clinton's team also includes two of the Clintons' Yale Law School contemporaries -Gregory Craig, who opened yesterday's session - and David Kendali, Mr Clinton's personal lawyer, a man of Quaker up-

Law team

ica" in its inclusion of women and ethnic minorities. Six years es of ultra-dry humour. later, while he may not have ful-filled that promise to the letter, ered round the defence table he has appointed more women and non-whites to his staff than any President before him. And when the White House legal the second day of the President's defence before the Senate, it was Cheryl Mills, a 33year-old black woman, who took the floor.

She was the only black person, and one of barely a dozen women, in the whole of the Senate Chamber. Now Deputy White House counsel, she has served in the President's legal team since Mr Clinton was elected and is friendly with two of the key witnesses in the Monica Lewinsky investigation: Mr Clinton's personal secretary, Betty Currie, and the suave businessman Vernon Jordan, who used his influence to find

Ms Lewinsky a job. She is regarded as devoted to the Clintons, and has attracted ferocious criticism from some Republicans who accuse her of misleading a House committee when she testified about the so-called Filegate scandal: the investigation into how confidential FBI files found their way to the White House and whether they were misused by

women in the presidential legal team. The other is Nicole Seligman, 42, who was one of Oliver North's lawyers during the Iran-Contra scandal, and respected as a highly accomplished lawyer in her own right, with a rapier wit. Adding to the impression of "diversity" in the Clinton de-

and all white.

Cabinet that "looks like Amer- bringing and dour manner, lightened with occasional flash-

> There are only 10 women senators (out of 100) and no blacks, while the 435-member House of Representatives is scattered with black brown



Charles Ruff (above) and Nicole Seligman



team of prosecutors from the House of Representatives, while varied in age (from 40 to 74) and background, is all male

However, the fate of Mr Clinton's defence rests with the Senate, and today's summing up will he given hy a newly co-opted member of the team - the just-retired Democratic senator from Arkansas, Dale Bumpers. Silver-haired and distinguished, a reputed orator in the old style, Mr Bumpers is a senator's senator.

The White House clearly judged that if it was to win over the Senate, it had to field someone who looked and behaved more like the Senate than the America of today.

IN BRIEF

Four held over Delhi 'bomb plot'

INDIAN POLICE said yesterday they had arrested four people for allegedly planning to homb the United States embassy in Delhi and two of its consulates. One of the men was Sayed Abu Nasir, a Bangladeshi.

Help for survivors of Leningrad

THE RUSSIAN Prime Minister, Yevgeny Primakov, pledged 35 million roubles (£1m) yesterday for survivors of the 900-day Nazi blockade of Leningrad during the

Fugitive found after 25 years

A MAN who fled from a jail in Virginia after serving two days of a one-year sentence for selling marijuana worth \$10 25 years ago pleaded guilty yesterday to escape. He

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New NF prepares to oust . Le Pen

THROUGH THE office door, BY JOHN LICHFIELD there came the sound of cine-Wagner's Ring Cycle remixed for Star Wars. When she emerged, Bruno Mégret's secretary said. apologetically: "We are doing trials for Saturday."

"Saturday" is, to be be an occasion for reach-me-down demagoguery: dimmed lights and dramatic entrances, Saturday is the start of the breakaway National Front congress in Marignane, near Marseilles, which will "depose" Jean-Marie Le Pen as leader of the most powerful far-right party in western Europe and "elect" Mr Megret.

Mr Le Pen does not see it that way, of course. He refers to the Congress as "Lilliput", a reference to Mr Mégret's stature. as well (he hopes) as the rebels' true strength in "his" party and the French electorate.

Since the NF split in December, Mr Le Pen, 70, has lost none of his bombast hut he has lost almost all his early battles with Mr Megret. "Le Chef" has been deserted by a large proportion of the party's hrains its most effective and amhitious elected officials and local activists - and, more surprisingly, its muscle - its hrutal, boiler-suited security service. Mr Le Pen retains the party HQ, the old guard and the somewhat chaotic youth movement. Mr Mégret, 49, claims, with some justification, "all the live forces. Everyone with any quality. Everyone who works hard." He has also won a critical legal battle, giving him the right to continue to use the party's name, which means two "National Fronts" will contest the European elections in June.

Mr Megret, five feet and about size. He refused to be abandoned them. photographed in his tempo regional council. "I don't want a Daily Telegraph editorial.
to be photographed in a cupAnd what of Mr Le Pen's to be photographed in a cupboard," he said. Finally, a larger office was found, more fitting for the ambitions of someone. who believes that he can be, some time in the new century,

President of France. The crisis in the NF is not a crisis of ideology or a crisis of policy. There is no difference between myself and Le Pen on ideas or values," he said. "It's in Paris

a struggle hetween those who believe the party should continue as the vehicle for the ego of ooe man and those who believe it should more truly represent the interests of its members and voters and ... aspire to power."

Mr Megret is an unlikely demagogue and an unlikely nationalist. His mother is Greek; his father was one of the first senior French officials in the European Commission His wife is Russian Jewish.

He comes from the classical background of the French political insider: top Parisian Lycée, Ecole Polytechnique, the Gaullist RPR. But he jumped ship in 1985 to become the de facto number two of the classical party of the outsider, a party he has reconstructed département by département along more professional lines.

He did not abandon the French establishment, he insists; it abandoned him, by surrendering French sovereignty to Brussels; by allowing largescale immigration.

"I can define my beliefs with quotation from De Gaulle, France is a country of the white race, the Christian religion and Greco-Latin culture'. That does not mean that only white people or Christians should live here but it does mean that they should be the dominant culture.

"I believe that the human race is a race whose culture depends on living in communities and that the two most important communities ... are the family and the nation. I joined the National Front to defend a bit, bas a Napoleonic fetish. these values when other parties

It is Mr Megret's particul rary office at the ile de France talent to manage to sound like

claim that Mr Mégret and his followers are the true "racists" and "extremists". "It is false False. I am not a racist. I am a nationalist. I do not believe that one race is inherently superior to another. But I do believe in putting the French first in France," said Mr Mégret.

As for Mr Le Pen's provocatively racist remarks, he re-



Bruno Mégret is an unlikely demagogue and an unlikely nationalist. He believes he can be President some time in the new century

nounces them, but feels the need to add: "It is ... a fact that, if you examine the prison population of France, you will find that one third of the prisoners are foreigners, one third are immigrants of receot date, and ooe third are French.

"I don't say that to prove that

the Arabs or Africans are more favours draconian new policriminal than any other people. cies to "send home" immigrants who misbehave tand Only that if you have a large immigrant population, removed their families). He even favours from their own cultures, they the removal of French citizenwill be fragile economically and ship from any immigrant who socially and more likely to comcommits a crime within 10 years of naturalisation.

On this basis, Mr Megret

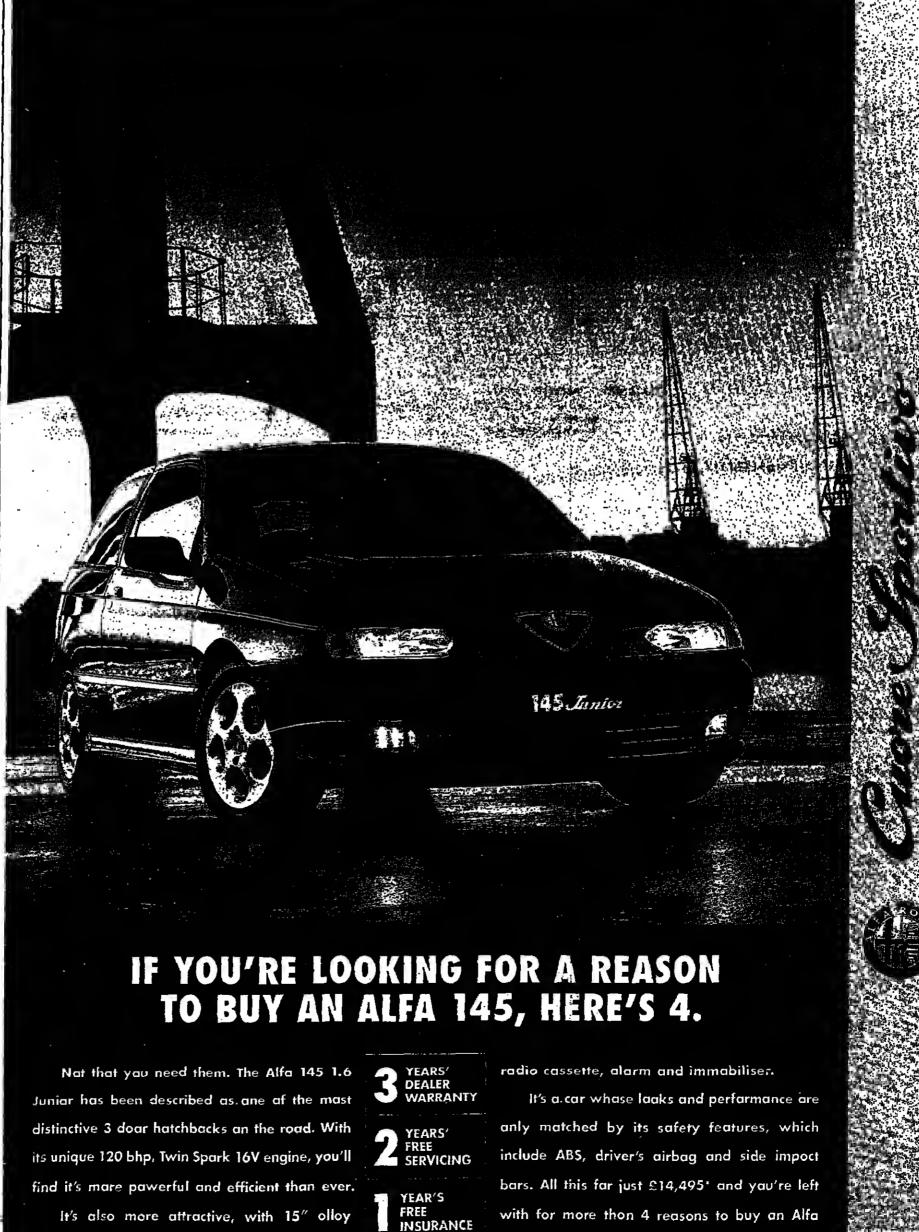
However, Mr Mégret's fig-

ures are false. The proportion of foreigners in French jails is 23 per cent and falling. Of these. only half come from the classic. African and North African groups. Many others are Europeans. There are no statistics to divide the 77 per cent "French" prison population.

There has been a tendeocy, both in France and abroad, to overestimate Jean-Marie Le Pen. He was ultimately trapped by his role as a malevolent political jester rather than a serious man of power. There has been a parallel tendency to underestimate Mr Mégret: eveo a modern, plausible image.

Mr Le Pen made this mistake. He does not have the charisma of Mr Le Pen; he does not have Le Chef's ability to unite all the tribes of the French far right. But he is capable of taking the extreme nationalist tendency into the next century with

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Pol Pot 'suicide' to avoid US trial

POL POT committed suicide last By TERESA POOLE year after learning his Khmer in Peking Rouge rivals had offered to hand him over for trial on geno- at the time. No autopsy was

chance three weeks earlier to take the former Khmer Rouge rounding the death. Before the had not prepared a legal basis on which to arrest and try him.

The former Cambodian leader blamed for the deaths of 1 million of his countrymen, is said by the Far Eastern Economic Review to have taken an overdose of tranquillisers and anti-malarial pills at a Khmer Rouge stronghold on the Thai border. He died on 15 April 1998, aged 73.

His associates said he died of a heart attack but within days Thai intelligence sources said it was poison and that it "got into his body with his consent". according to a Reuters report

cide charges, a Hong Kong done before the body was cremated and until now no one had But the US turned down the come up with a detailed scenario of the circumstances surleader into custody, because it cremation the Thai army took samples of hair, skin and fingerprints.

Yesterday's Far Eastern Economic Review article was by Nate Thayer, who has consistently scooped the world on Khmer Rouge reports. According to what he says are impeccable sources, Ta Mok, the one-legged rival Khmer Rouge military commander who captured the ailing Pol Pot and his entourage in 1997, offered to hand him over to the US for trial

just before his death. Mr Thaver said that on 25 March 1998 "the Khmer Rouge made a decision and contacted

but the Americans turned them down. They had no legal basis to arrest and detain him".

The Review said Washington scrambled to establish grounds for an arrest and to find a country where a trial could take place for the carnage during the Khmer Rouge's 1975-79 rule, hut "Brother Number One" was dead before preparations were complete.

He had discovered Ta Mok's plan when listening to a Voice of America radio broadcast, and killed himself, said Mr Thayer "Pol Pot died of a lethal dose of a combination of Valium and chloroquine."

In the days before the suicide US officials had been consulting Thailand and other countries about capturing him but did not itself plan such a move, according to reports at the time. However, Pol Pot presumably knew he was likely to

the Americans to turn him over be captured or handed over to face genocide charges.

The question of an international tribunal to try former Khmer Rouge leaders is very much a live issue at the moment following the surrender last month of two Pol Pot henchmen, Khieu Samphan and Nuon Chea.

Since they gave themselves up they have been given a VIP tour of the Cambodian capital. Phnom Penh, and appeared at a press conference at which they said they were sorry for their roles in the deaths under the Khmer Rouge. "Let bygones be bygones," said Khien

The Cambodian Prime Minister, Hun Sen, at first hinted that a trial of the two men might not be in the interests of national reconciliation but recently said he supported legal action against the remaining Khmer Rouge leaders.

Euro fraud inquiry runs into trouble

THE FUTURE of Europe's new BY STEPHEN CASTLE fraud investigation committee was thrown into doubt yesterday as senior MEPs rejected as rounds the procedures for ap-"unsupportable" moves to allow the "great and good" to

preside over the inquiry. The European Parliament's second largest political group Parliament, and a chair apdemanded that the "wise per- pointed by mutual agreement. sons" should be made up exfraud investigation.

the centrepiece of a compromise deal struck last week in Strasbourg after a clash befraud allegations.

A dispute over its composition could delay the process of setting it up and derail its tight timetable, destabilising the fragile agreement.

The manoeuvring followed speculation about the composition of the committee, due to inquire into irregularities in programmes presided over by two European commissioners, Edith Cresson and Manuel Marin, and produce a preliminary report by 15 March.

Potential nominees being discussed among socialist MEPs and in the Commission include the former European commissioners Etienne Davignon and Peter Sutherland, and two figures involved in the preparation for monetary union: Nigel Wicks, the former chairman of the monetary committee, and Alexander Lamfalussy, who presided over the European Monetary Institute. Although confusion sur-

in Brussels

pointing the committee. Commission sources said they expect two members to be nominated by them, two by the

It emerged, however, that clusively of judges, official centre-right MEPs may deauditors or prosecuting mag-istrates with a track record in mand the right for Parliament to appoint all the members - a mand the right for Parliament move one political rival de-The committee of inquiry is scribed as an attempt to "sabotage" the process. James Provan, chief whin for

the European People's Party, tween the Parliament and the the Parliament's second largest European Commission over grouping, said the idea of excommissioners sitting in judgement was "completely unsupportable". He added: "They must have nothing to do with the institution concerned. Whoever is appointed must be seen to be independent and fairminded. This would include judges and members of the Court of Auditors."

James Elles, the party's representative on the Parliament's budget control committee, said: "You do not normally give the body you are inquiring into the right to nominate those doing the investigation.

"The membership will have to be approved by Parliament on 8 February. To then expect their report to be available in 11 languages by 15 March is laughable."

Other political groups in the Parliament, including the Greens and the Liberal Democrats, are on record as being highly critical of the investigation procedure.

Freetown left without food

EMERGENCY FOOD and med-icines are unable to reach Sierra Leone's war-battered capital, Freetown, aid workers said yesterday. The shipments are held up by security fears and logistical problems.

An aid ship carrying 18,000 tons of rice from Italy was waiting off Freetown and could land the first significant food consignment since fighting engulfed the city two weeks ago.

"The captain says he wants guarantees of security before he will come to port, said a source at Ecomog, the Nigerian-led West African force defending the capital from the Revolutionary United Front.

Ecomog said on Tuesday it had cleared the rebels from the Kissy port area, and its officers said yesterday they were putting in place security for aid By JEFF KOINANGE in Freetown

But aid agencies in the regional centre in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, were more guarded. Even if we have security, logistics will be a major problem." said a spokesman for the World Food Programme (WFP).

Foreign relief workers who fled two weeks ago have not yet returned. Local workers who stayed behind are trying to function without communications equipment confiscated by Ecomog, which accuses them of spying for the rebels. Aid agencies have said that

famine and disease could sweep through the city's population of about 1 million. The city has not even counted its dead from a battle that began with an RUF rebel assault on 6 January. (Reuters)

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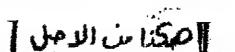
Should a mother throw out her drop-out son who has turned into a drug dealer?

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Legacy of the Raj: fine railways and lousy borders

THIS IS a border with no boundaries, boasting a frontier **FRONTLINE** town with no frontier, Although CHAMAN, PAKISTANI-AFGHAN FRONTIER the dusty fences at Chamar supposedly mark a division, It runs straight over craggy with the low wide desert plain plains where small villages around them officially split bekeep their mud-walled houses tween Pakistan and Afghangrouped together for defence. istan, no one pretends that

Then the road climbs the the border is where either 8,000ft Khojak pass. Half-way up are the barracks of the country starts or ends. 55th Pishin Scouts' Light In-From the Pakistani side, fantry Regiment, its officers' Chaman is approached from the city of Quetta - once, with mess and stores. At the very its cool mountain climate and crest of the pass, a surreal jasmine-scented air, one of the signpost points the way to "solitude hut". most prized postings of British India. The border is 80 miles Chaman itself sits in the away, but Afghanistan starts almiddle of a plain in a perpetumost the moment one leaves al shroud of sandstorms. The the town. The ordered lines of town may be just inside Pakthe army barracks dissolve istan but for hundreds of miles

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ply by the roadside. The road winds through a contorted, sun-bleached landscape pitted and hummocked or the mountains to the north. with dunes, hluffs and gullies. The only border Chaman

AFGHANISTAN ?

marks is the boundary between two tribes - the Pathans and the Balochis. But the axis of that division lies at right angles to the frontier recognised on the map.

Even the home secretary in Quetta - the second-most senior civil servant in the province - admits the frontier, effectively created as the western boundary of British India, is a farce: "It is an imaginary border. You Britishers built us good railways but gave

us some lousy boundaries." One such railway still runs from Quetta to Chaman. Almost all the passengers for the five-hour ride are taking the cheapest, if slowest, form of transport to or from Afghanistan. The locals completely ignore the border and are allowed to cross it with few checks. To most it is an irritation, little more.

To others, however, the border provides a livelihood. Astride his motorbike in the biggest of the town's bazaars Mohammed Ayub Achakzai known as one of Chaman's biggest smugglers - laughs when asked how he makes his living. "I am just a trader and husiness is good. Big money, hig money." He lays a fat index finger beside an acne-pitted nostril and winks.

With heavy tariffs imposed on goods entering from Afghanistan, smugglers can make huge profits bringing in everything from air-conditioning units to wood. The most profitable cargo smuggled through Chaman, however, is heroin.

JASON BURKE



Two Afghans on the border at Chaman. Locals see the border as little more than an irritant

Chinese jail man for 'Net dissent'

By TERESA POOLE in Peking

CHINA JAILED a Shanghai computer entrepreneur yesterday for two years for supplying a US-based dissident magazine with 30,000 mainland e-mail addresses.

Lin Hai, 30, who acted for business, not political, motives, becomes the first known person punished by China in connection with dissent on the

attempt to increase supervision over how the Internet is used. The number of mainland Internet accounts has soared from 1.2 million in July to 2.1 million according to figures leaked from the Ministry of Information Industries, and Internet cafés bave opened around the country. This week the authorities announced that anyone establishing an Internet café must first register with their local public security bureau, claiming that some cafés were being used for "gambling

and pornography". Mr Lin's sentence was lighter than expected for China, probably because he was not involved in dissident activities. But his case coincides with a clampdown on such protests, which has seen four activists sentenced in the past month to prison terms of between 10 it described as a "landmark and 13 years.

Mr Lin apparently passed the e-mail addresses to the dent clampdown continued yespro-democracy "VIP Reference" online magazine in an attempt to help his computer company to develop husiness contacts. "VIP Reference" is regularly e-mailed to a claimed 250,000 mainland computer master's degree. Wu Yilong, 31. users, each time from a differ- helped the dissident Wang Youent e-mail address so that it can to launch the party last cannot be blocked by the au- June. In December, Mr Wang thorities. It includes pro- was sentenced to 11 years' jail democracy articles by exiled for subverting state power. dissidents and news suppressed in China. Court docu-



China is cracking down in an Mr Lin: Business motives rather than political aims

ments vesterday described it as a "hostile foreign organisation". Mr Lin's court hearing took place on 4 December, but the authorities appeared uncertain about how harshly to punish someone who said he was just trying to make money. Yesterday's guilty verdict in Shanghai on charges of inciting subversion of state power was attended by Mr Lin's wife, Xu Hong, who emerged crying. It was the first time she had seen him since his arrest last March.

China's wish to manage the internet runs far beyond what is technically possibly. The USbased publishers of "VIP Reference", for instance, had no difficulty e-mailing most of the foreign media in Peking about the impending sentence, which case of Internet persecution".

Meanwhile, the wider dissiterday with news that a pelled from Hangzhou Univer-sity in central China days before he was due to finish his Comment.

Hong Kong press boss in fraud row

A DISPUTE has broken out in By STEPHEN VINES Hong Kong after the conviction in Hong Kong yesterday of three newspaper executives for conspiracy to defraud advertisers by inflating circulation figures for the Hong not charged. Kong Standard newspaper.

While the three managers were sent to jail, the newspaper's owner, Sally Aw Sian, was found not to have been part of the conspiracy, although the original charges cited her as a co-conspirator.

Miss Aw is closely associated in Hong Kong." with Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's chief executive, who managers were arrested last

year, the justice department failed to explain why she was

Paul Harris, a leading proreform barrister, said it was "incredible" that Miss Aw had not known what was going on in her company. He said "there is a widespread suspicion this decision was taken because of the important position of Miss Aw

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company it did not own. Adtranz is the biggest train maker in the world, with sales last year of \$3.7bn (£2.2bn) and 24,000 employees, but it has been forced into a programme of job cuts and plant closures across Europe to improve profitability.

BA bid for CityFlyer goes to MMC



THE GOVERNMENT yesterday referred British Airways' £75m acquisition of its franchisee airline, CityFlyer Express, to the Monopolies and Mergers

Stephen Byers, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said the decision was based on competition concerns in . the airline market. BA said

it was disappointed about the three-month inquiry, but remained confident that the deal would be approved. The takeover would hring together the two biggest operators at Gatwick airport south of London. Virgin Atlantic had complained that it had not had a fair chance to counter-bid.

Scandinavia creates telecom giant

TELIA AND Telenor, the state-owned telecoms providers in Sweden and Norway, yesterday announced plans to merge in a move that will create Europe's sixth-largest telecoms group. The Swedish and Norwegian governments said the deal would allow the combined company to compete with larger rivals such as Deutsche Telekom and France Telecom in the liberalised markets of continental Europe.

The Swedish government will own 60 per cent of the shares in the company, which will have combined revenues of 80bn Swedish krone (£6.3bn). The new company will be partially privatised hefore the end of 2000.

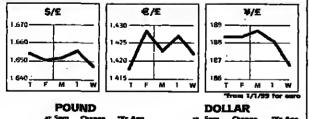
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Black Christmas on high street raises rate cut hopes

THE GLOOM on Britain's high BY DIANE COYLE streets deepened yesterday with official figures showing that retail sales in the run-up to Christmas were amongst the weakest in recent years.

Shoppers were not fooled by retailers' attempts to raise prices in December ahead of the January sales. They held back leaving stores groups with too much stock which is now being beavily discounted.

With minutes of the last meeting of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee showing that eight of nine members voted for lower rates this month, yesterday's figures boosted the odds on another interest-rate cut next month.

Official retail figures show that sales in December were almost 1 per cent lower than November. The fall surprised City experts, who had been exEconomics Editor

pecting an increase. The value of sales in the year to December showed the weakest rise, at 1.8 per cent, since records began in 1987.

As retailers clamoured for more cuts in interest rates, there was a fresh wave of downbeat statements from stores groups. Moss Bros, the menswear retailer, warned of an 18 per cent profit collapse. while Alldays, the convenience store operator, and Thorntons. the confectionery retailer, also issued gloomy statements.

They followed profit alerts from Marks & Spencer and Body Shop, indicating that Britain's consumers won the test of nerve on prices.

The dismal performance probably reflected the impact of pre-Christmas price hikes, an-

alysts said. But the underlying such as electronic goods, growth in high-street sales also weakened. In the three months to December, the volume of sales was down 0.2 per cent, the

lowest since February 1995. Weakness was spread over all sectors, but department stores were among the hardest hit, with volumes down 1 per cent in the three months to December. Only a few categories,

hucked the trend.

Although, as usual, the value of sales in December was higher than other months, the 36 per cent uplift this Christmas season was the lowest of the 1990s.

Michael Saunders of Salomon Smith Barney said: "Retailers shot themselves in the foot in December, but the whole

Ken Wattret, UK economist at Paribas, said the retail sales total implied that GDP figures due tomorrow could show a fall in the final quarter. "If consumers don't spend at Christmas, when will they?"

Taken with the minutes of the January MPC meeting, the subdued retail sales confirmed expectations that the February meeting will bring another downward move in rates.

Seven members of the committee voted for the quarterpoint cut in January. One, DeAnne Julius, voted for a halfpoint move. Ian Plenderleith, ooe of the internal Bank members, voted for no change on the grounds that it would do no harm to wait and see what ef-

fect previous cuts were having. The MPC expressed concern about the international economic environment, saying the turbulence posed the risk of

even slower growth in the UK. The meeting took place before the latest Brazilian crisis. The minutes end: "The prospects for global activity and prices were as had as expected a month ago, and the risks were clearly on the downside."

Members also felt the jobs market had reached a turning point. "There were some signs of an easing of labour market pressures," the minutes said.

The MPC agreed to revisit its earlier assumption about earnings growth ahead of the new forecast being prepared for next month's Inflation Report. Pay settlements had been flat for many months, they noted.

David Hillier at Barclays Capital said: "This week's fourth-quarter GDP figure is the key in terms of the February rate decision." Today offers more evidence with the British



Alan Greenspan: Hinted at a rise in interest rates to head off price rises

Markets too high, warns Greenspan

ALAN GREENSPAN, Chairman By Andrew Marshall of the Federal Reserve, issued a stark warning yesterday that stock markets were too high and might need a correction.

As the US economy continues to show rapid growth with low inflation, Mr Greenspan delivered broad hints that a rise in interest rates may be the next move from the Fed. to head off prices rises, correct the stock market and raise the savings rate.

The recent behaviour of profits underlines the unusual nature of the rebound in equity markets and the possibility. the equity markets will have difficulty in being sustained." he told Congress. "The level of equity prices would appear to envision substantially greater in Asia, Russia and Latin Amergrowth of profits than has been experienced of late."

Wall Street fell about 30 points on the first news of Mr Greenspan's words, hut then corrected to stand about 100 points higher at midday. The market has been buoyed by much stronger earnings than expected from Microsoft for the last quarter of 1998, even though the company warned its results this year were likely to be less spectacular.

Mr Greenspan said that the 'sparkling" performance of the US economy left few coocerns in Washington

about an imminent dip into recession. "Signs of an appreciahle slowdown are scant," he said. But he warned that unless growth did slow down, there was a risk of inflation. "Some moderation in economic growth might be required to sustain the expansion. Through the end of 1998, the economy continued to grow more rapidly than can be currently accommodated on an ongoing basis."

The Federal Reserve cut inferest rates three times at the a tightening in credit markets. the collapse of the hedge fund Long-Term Capital Management and the economic crisis lca. But since then, it has apparently moved to a neutral position, with its next move possibly upwards.

Mr Greenspan warned that the Fed's action had been misinterpreted as a shift to underpin the stock market after last August's correction - a clear warning that it would not ease again if Wall Street falls. "We were not attempting to prop up equity prices, nor did we plan to continue to ease rates until equity prices recovered, as some have erroneously inferred," he said. "This has not been, and is not now, our pohcy or intent." Indeed, the Fed chairman

hinted broadly that fears of a stock market decline would not deter the Fed from raising interest rates. "While asset values are very important to the economy and so must be carefully monitored and assessed by the Federal Reserve, they are not themselves a target of monetary policy," he said. "And, we may question from time to time whether asset prices may not embody a more optimistic outlook than seems reasonable, or what the consequences may be of a further rise in those price followed by a steep decline." The Federal Open Market Committee, the body which makes decisions on interest rates, meets on 2-3 February.

Mr Greenspan expressed serious concerns about the massive decline in the US savings rate, which dipped into the negative at the end of last year - indicating that people were spending more than they were saving. This was due to the massive run-up in stocks, he said, which had led richer Americans to spend their wealth. America's large and growing foreign indebtedness. caused by the decline in personal savings, high consumption and spending, was also a warning sign, he said.

Internet fever strikes London Battle in firing line

INTERNET FEVER gripped the London stock market yesterday as British investors latched on to the recent wave of euphoria over Internet-related stocks in the United States.

Shares in a clutch of companies with varying degrees of exposure to the growth of Internet traffic and electronic commerce all basked in the glow. But analysts warned that valuations were in danger of becoming severely stretched.

Zergo, a supplier of Internet security software, saw its shares leap for a second day as it announced a clutch of new contracts and a strategic link with KPMG, the consultants. On Tuesday, Zergo unveiled BY PETER THAL LARSEN

partnerships with Intel, the computer chip giant, and PricewaterhouseCoopers. "There is a growing aware-

ness among investors of the potential we have as a company," said Henry Beker, the chief executive. Zergo shares closed up 65p at 767.5p. Two months ago they were below 200p.

The market value of Psion, the hand-held computer maker, rose 15 per cent on suggestions that Symbian, its joint venture to develop operating software for smart mobile phones, had signed up new partners. A chutch of smaller compa-

nies, including Netcall, the

computer telephony group and On-Line, the Internet gaming company posted healthy gains. Shares in Internet service providers such as Internet **Technology Group and Easynet**

Market observers said a 75 per cent rise in profits from software giant Microsoft, revealed on Tuesday evening, was helping to feed investor appelites. They also pointed to the \$6.7bn takeover of Excite, the Internet search engine company, by At Home, the supplier of highspeed Internet connections. Analysts said UK investors

were now looking at any company with Internet exposure. "This is all based on the valua-

tion hysteria in the US making its way over here," one said. "It's a bubble that has to burst."

The euphoria even stretched to retailer Great Universal Stores as investors hunted for more liquid stocks that could act as a proxy for pure Internet companies, many of which are still relatively small and thinly traded. Although GUS has little exposure to the Internet at the moment, traders said electronic selling could replace much of the company's tradihonal catalogue retailing ac-

The value of Dixons, the electronics retailer, has already risen sharply on the back of its Freeserve Internet service. Try said: "We would not want to

on BAe-Marconi deal

space minister, is set to come under fire from European counterparts today following the £7bn BAe-Marconi merger. which froze out German and French suitors.

Mr Battle is in Madrid for a meeting of six European governments to discuss progress towards restructuring aerospace and defence. He will he pressed to reassure Germany, France, Italy, Spain and Sweden that Britain is not backtracking on a single European aerospace and defence company.

A spokesman for the Department of Trade and Indus-

JOHN BATTLE, Britain's aero- By MICHAEL HARRISON

pre-empt what the outcome of the meeting will be. But Mr Battie will be looking to forge a constructive dialogue."

Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister, said the BAe-Marconi deal could open the way for a Franco-German alliance. He added that France would make proposals in this

Thomson CSF, Marconi's spurned suitor, said the financial conditions sought by GEC had been totally incompatible with shareholder interests, and BAe would find it hard to fit into European restructuring.

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

LONDON

LOWER INTEREST-RATE hopes helped hlue chips higher, with Footsie ending 78 points ahead at 6,105.6. Supporting shares also made headway. Hi-tech shares led the field with computer and Internet-related stocks achieving strong progress, partly on the hack of the overnight New York display.

Reuters, up 88p to 868p, its highest ever, was the bestperforming Footsie constituent. British Aerospace recovered some of Tuesday's fall, climbing 24.5p to 450p following the Marconi deal. Derek Pain, page 23

NEW YORK

STOCKS rose for the third successive day after the IT giants Microsoft, Texas Instruments and Xilinx reported earnings ahead of market expectations.

The Dow gained 80.07 points to 9,432.31 in midday trading, while the technology-laden Nasdaq index surged 52.27 to 2,459.23. Shares shrugged off comments from Alan Greenspan, the US Fed chairman, who said the rebound

of the past months brought stocks

to levels "that appear to envision

substantially greater growth of

profit than experienced of late".

● TOKYO THE MARKET closed higher, with

technological stocks leading the rise following Microsoft's positive results. The benchmark Nikkei 225 index climbed above 14,000 for the first time in a month, finishing 257.61 higher at 14,028.05. Toshiba, the world's largest

maker of notebook PCs, and Advantest, the leading maker of equipment for testing microchips, both surged. Banks were also in positive territory on optimism about consolidation in Japan's financial system following the merger of Mitsui Trust and Chuo Trust.

FRANKFURT

GERMAN stocks rose, led by Siemens, the country's largest electronics and engineering company, which was propelled higher by Microsoft's earnings.

The DAX index rose 158.7 points, or 3.15 per cent, to 5.197.14. Siemens jnmped almost 12 per cent after the US giant's figures fuelled expectations of a positive results season for European electronics companies.

BASF, the drug and chemicals gronp, rose after announcing it would cut a further 1,000 jobs at its plant in Ludwigshafen.

SAO PAULO

BRAZILIAN stocks soared, huoved by rising hopes that legislators will impose new taxes to bring down the country's soaring deficit.

The Bovespa index rose 4 per cent to 7,677.62 as the lower house dehated a hill to introduce a tax on state pensioners.

The measure would cut Brazil's \$46.8hn deficit hy \$2bn and help the country to qualify for emergency loans from international lenders. It would also help to restore fragile investor confidence in Brazil's financial and economic health.

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High street gets its wake-up call

THE DISMAL December retail sales figures bear a message about the economy and a message about retailing itself. They confirm - as if confirmation were needed - that the economy is slowing Consumers, the driving force behind two-thirds of GDP, have become a great deal more cautious.

However, the broader outlook is not as bleak as prospects for retailing itself. The monthly consumer confidence survey by GfK, the polling company; revealed a modest imrovement in consumer confidence this month, and all along has shown people to be far more uppeat about their personal finances than about the economy as a whole. This is consistent with a gentle downturn like the one in the mid-Eighties rather than a severe one like the early Nineties.

slowdown in the growth of sales by value to the weakest since 1987, when the current records began. It reflected both weak volumes and lack of pricing power. There is oo doubt of traditionally healthy margins, that is causing most anguish to retailers. The British high street has to face

up to a future as a low-growth or even declining industry. Part of its prob-



OUTLOOK

lem here is the over-expansion of floor space, a cyclical phenomenon that will eventually be corrected. More seriously, traditional shopping is accounting for a shrinking share of our spending. As the average consumer grows wealthier, more Yesterday's figures showed a and more of the pound in his or her pocket is being spent on leisure activities such as eating out, cinemagoing and the gym, and on services, from haircuts to gardening.

On top of that, from out of the blue that it is the latter, the disappearance has come the threat from non-traditional forms of shopping for traditional goods. Now that so many people have bought PCs and modems, on-line shopping is likely to grow at an explosive rate. Perhaps

can still be persuaded out to a store. world's growing economic travails They don't all buy through Amazon.com yet. But they now expect the experience of a calé - armchairs and amenable surroundings.

The strategies that have brought success to retailers in the past will work less well in these changing circurnstances. The downturn will just hasten the pain. No wonder retailers have joined manufacturers as the most vociferous lobbyists for more interest-rate cuts.

Equity bubbles

ALAN GREENSPAN was at it again yesterday, albeit in more subdued form than last time. There were no references from the Federal Reserve chairman to "irrational exuberance", but there can be oo mistaking the meaning of the fol-lowing incantation, delivered in characteristically convoluted form: "The level of equity prices would appear to envision substantially greater growth of profits than has been experienced of late".

Is he right? Yes and no seems to the the answer. It tends to be forgotten in citing the continued re-

that for most companies the bear market is already more than six months old with little sign of abating.

What is keeping the stock market buoyant, both in the US and in Britain, is a relatively small number of global mega stocks which, because they keep merging with one another, just carry on getting bigger, progressively vacuuming up more and more of the world's supply of investment funds as they do so.

And even among the big companies, growth is confined to a quite small number of sectors. Generally speaking, the companies which are outperforming are in hi-tech, sunrise industries. Many of them don't yet make profits, but to distort Mr Greenspan's meaning their stock prices envision greater profits growth than is presently experienced.

here. One is the "big is beautiful and even better if it is global" syndrome. The other is that of investing in our future, the new industries which might one day take over from the old. This type of investment has little to do with economic fundamentals or current corporate reality - it is all about hope. Some of this bope may of it isn't.

This week, British investors have been eagerly snapping up shares in any company which even hints that it might at some point make money from the boom in Internet traffic and Zergo, a tiny company with a niche in Internet security software, have soared on the back of a series of strategic alliances with the likes of Intel and KPMG.

Even though these deals - which are little more than public declarations of friendship - have no direct impact on Zergoc's tiny revenues, they have been enough to lift the company's market capitalisation

Strangely, the market's treatment of Zergo looks sane compared to some of the other stocks that are enjoying an Internet-related boost. Excitable analysts were yesterday trying to talk So there are two forces at work up Great Universal Stores, probably one of the most conservative retailers in the country, as an e-business of the next century. Not that Lord Wolfson is showing any sign of getting online. It's just that, if he did, brokers reckon GUS could do quite well.

The argument is clearly illogical. Just like Dixons, GUS is not going

tronic revolution. For both these companies, online retailing is much more likely to be a way of protecting existing revenue streams from potential rivals, rather than creating new value. But then those share prices have to be kept moving ahead

Investor protection

somehow, haven't they?

HOWARD DAVIES, chairman of the Financial Services Authority, seems to be getting it in the neck from all directions at the moment. On the one hand he's criticised for creating an overbearing, unaccountable bureaucracy that if left unchecked, will smother the City goose under a mountain of regulatory red tape and drive its best practitioners off to the Bahamas, the Swiss valleys, or where ever. Now along comes the National Consumer Council to say that far from being too powerful, the FSA is not powerful enough.

As presently formulated, the Financial Services and Markets Bill makes "buyer beware" a core principle. The Bill includes a general consumer protectioo clause, but it also states that "consumers should take

book-buying is the model: customers silience of stock markets to the be reasonably well founded. But a lot to be a major beneficiary of the electrosponsibility for their own decisions". According to the NCC, this affords a far lower degree of consumer protection than is common for most non-financial products, which are generally guaranteed to meet a minrum set of standards.

Many of the NCC's suggested remedies are pure fantasy, and it seems utterly to have missed the point that there can be no guarantees when it comes to investing money. On the other hand, the NCC is right to point to the appalling lack of clear comparative information about different financial products, and to insist that in such circumstances. consumers cannot make informed choices that weed out poor ooes.

It also correctly identifies the FSA's most glaring flaw - that it is meant to combine both wholesale and retail regulation.

It may be appropriate for wholesale customers to take responsibility for their own decisions, but the issue is much more debatable for retail investors. Still, if the FSA is thought both to be too tough on practitioners and too lax on investor protection, that may mean that in an imperfect world, Mr Davies and the Government are getting the bal-

Analysis: Britain has told Bonn that BNFL reprocessing contracts must be honoured or waste will be sent back

UK warns Germany in nuclear fuel row

BRITAIN TOLD Germany last BY MICHAEL HARRISON night that it would not back down in the nuclear fuel repro- contracts to reprocess 11.200 cessing row, warning that if tonnes of spent nuclear fuel up Bonn reneged on £1bn worth of until 2014. So far about 1,700 contracts with BNFL it would tonnes has been reprocessed. It have to pay compensation and is one of only two such facilities, take back the spent fuel.

Stephen Byers, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, told the German environment minister, Jürgen Tritton, that the costs of Germany's decision to phase out overseas reprocessing of its ouclear fuel should not brane by BNFL.

er the 30-minute meeting at the DTI beadquarters, Mr Byers said the UK would not act as a "permanent storage depot" for nuclear waste and that the contracts with Germany would be decided under English law.

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The German decision has cast doubt over the £1.85bo Thorp reprocessing facility at BNFL's Sellafield plant, which employs 7,000, along with hopes of privatising the company. Thorp opened in 1994 and has

the other being Cogema's plant in north-west France.

Sellafield's reprocessing contracts with six German electricity companies account for about one-tenth of Thorp's £12bn order book. The deal with the Germans involves reprocessing just under 1,000 tonnes of waste. So far 650 tonnes have been delivered to Sellafield by boat and train. Of this, about 150 tonnes has been reprocessed.

Thorp accounts for just over a third of BNFL's £1.3bo turnover. Apart from Germany, it has long-term reprocessing contracts with British Energy and the Japanese. It also has a burgeoning nuclear clean-up and decommissioning business in the US worth around \$9bn. It also generates income from the



Above: trade secretary Stephen Byers (left) yesterday met Jürgen Tritton, German environment minister, at the DTI in London. Right: German riot police clash with anti-nuclear activists near Dannenberg last year

So were the Germans to renege on their contracts, it would be serious but oot necessarily disastrous for BNFL. For the Germans, the repercussions could be much more severe.

Sir John Guinness, chairman of BNFL, says: "These are very robust and enforceable contracts. We would have no hesitation in seeking enforcement or full compensation through the courts if any of these contracts were not bonoured in full."

But the Germans' troubles would not end there, for they would have a much more polit-

sale of electricity from its Mag-nox nuclear stations. ically explosive problem to han-dle. The contracts would oblige the complex following the failure them to take back the 500 tonnes deep repository oo site. of spent fuel yet to be treated.

along with all the plutonium and high-level waste from the fuel that has been processed. "These deals are sale or return," as one adviser to BNFL put it. Once spent fuel has arrived at Thorp it is separated into pluto-

nium and uranium. The waste is broken down into three categories - high, intermediate and low level. The low-level waste is sent to the nearby Drigg facility, encased in concrete and covered over. The intermediate waste is being stored at Sellafield in liq-

to gain planning approval for a

But the high-level waste, containing 99 per cent of the radioactivity from the spent fuel, goes back to the customer. In the case of the Germans, they would be hard pressed to store 500 tonnes of spent fuel and have no facilities at all to store plutonium or high-level waste.

Werner Hlubek, board member German nuclear generator RWE, says introducing a ban on overseas reprocessing within a year is not feasible. "It will take at least five or six years before



which is sure to prove a flashpoint. There have already been several violent confrontations between the German authorities and anti-nuclear protesters over shipments of spent fuel.

Environmental groups here, such as Friends of the Earth, believe Germany's decision to end overseas fuel reprocessing

is a nail in the coffin for Thorp. Dr Dominick Jenkins, FoE's of the reprocessed plutonium or uranium has yet been supplied back to customers, while the failure to get permission for an intermediate waste repository at Sellafield wrecks what economic argument there was for reprocessing in the first place. He predicts Sellafield will become simply a storage facility for spent fuel, if the world's nuclear

the preconditions for a final

change of policy can be created

- that is, until the construction

measures necessary to create

decentralised interim storage fa-cilities can be completed."

and highly-radioactive waste

would have to be transported

somehow across Germany -

Added to this, the plutonium

But BNFL says it has enough existing storage capacity for intermediate waste to last a very long time. It is also confident of getting final approval for its new £300m Mixed Oxide Fuel (MOX) plant, which could produce operating profits of £230m.

A wider question is what impact the German row will have on the Government's bopes of privatising BNFL, which could bring in up to £3bn. City sources Thorp has already become an say the attitude in the Governexpensive white elephant. None ment and the Treasury towards a sell-off remains positive.

But FoE's Dr Jenkins maintains the City would drop BNFL "like a red-hot radioactive brick" because of its huge nuclear liabilities. BNFL has put aside £10bn that it says will be enough to meet 75 per cent of future liabilities. But a report by Sussex. University's Science Policy Research Unit puts BNFL's total liabilities at £21bn to £38.6bn.

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Labour Euro head blasts ECB secrecy

THE HEAD of the European Parliamentary Labour Party vesterday launched a stinging attack on the structure of the European Central Bank, urging it to publish its minutes and improve communications with the general public.

Alan Donnelly MEP who as a senior member of the Economic and Monetary Affairs sub-committee grills the ECB president on policy decisions, says: "With the best will in the world, I do not believe the way the ECB is established is sus-Mr Donnelly, a pro-Euro-

pean, is tipped to be the next chairman of the influential subcommittee. He said he was concerned by the "trend of secrecy" at the bank. "I do think we will see a rather different ECB, still independent of the politicians, by 2010." Speaking at the launch of a

major European study by the accountancy firm PricewaterbouseCoopers, Mr Donnelly criticised Wim Duisenberg, the ECB president, for being "too macho". "It would be very helpful if Mr Duisenberg realised he didn't have anything to prove."

Like many City economists, Mr Donnelly argued that the ECB should follow the example

set by the US Fed and the Bank of England and publish the minutes of its meetings. He also said Mr Duisenberg should curb the influence of national central bank governors on European interest-rate policy.

His comments came as economists at PwC warned that an overly tight European interest-rate policy could fatally damage manufacturers in the euro zone. PwC said: "With the ECB continuing to take a relatively tough line, the euro might rise sharply against the dollar and the yen, further squeezing



Duisenberg: Too macho'. says Alan Donnelly MEP

sult, growth (in the euro zooe) might fall to little more than I per cent in 1999 and even lower in 2000 as the downward spiral of confidence and spending un

Manufacturers in Germany and Italy already face "near-recessionary conditions", PwC warned. If too-tight interestrate policy and global developments combine to produce a bard landing, this could tip of major European economies such as Germany - into decline.

On balance, felt Rosemary Radcliffe, PwC chief econo mist, Europe should avoid a hard landing, but this depended on other factors, including no spillover of problems in Brazil to other regions and continued strong growth in the US.

Miss Radcliffe said business confidence even in vulnerable economies - Germany and Italy was still substantially above that in the UK. PwC said there was substantial scope for more cuts in UK rates.

Also speaking at the PwC launch, Jacques Lafitte, a key economic advisor to Commissioner Yves-Thibault de Silguy said he was confident that the ECB would react appropriately to the challenges ahead.

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IN BRIEF

Field agrees to £194m US bid

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PACKAGING group Field has agreed a £194m takeover bid from US napkin and papertowel giant Chesapeake. The 3200 a share offer represents a premium of 41 per cent over the closing price of the Buckingham-based group's shares on 8 January, the day before it said it was in talks.

Field's stares fell sharply last year after it issued a second-half profits warning and reported a drop in interim profits, after sales "Mit its main customers. Diageo and BAT. The shares closed up 23p at 316.5p.

VAT avoidance

CUSTOMS AND Excise is targeting construction as part of an effort to reduce the estimated fibn in VAT revenue lost each year through avoidance schemes.

A consultation document published yesterday highlights the supply of construction services as one area it feels could be subject to a general anti-avoidance rule if the Government decides to move away from the traditional approach of cracking down on specific abuses as they arise.

New Abbey jobs

BEY NATIONAL is to ate 250 jobs by doubling staff at an insurance call centre. The new jobs will be filled this year at the office in Liverpool where quotes are given for bome and motor insurance.

Irish banks plan

IRISH state-owned banks ACC and TSB Bank said they had submitted proposals to the Government to merge and float on the stock market next year. The move will disappoint Britain's National astminster Bank, which

deal with the Irish TSB via its existing Irish Subsidiary Ulster Bank, National Australia Bank, which owns the Yorkshire and Clydesdale banks, was also keen to expand in Ireland.

NU's 4% rise

NORWICH UNION reported a 4 per cent rise in new business in 1997 as

customers invested £421m in UK rose 8 per cent to £283m.



Michael Grade: 'The dancing habit has always bounced back from recession'

Fizz falls flat for nightclub group

FIRST LEISURE, the nightclub By NIGEL COPE and bowling alley group run by Michael Grade, has felt the chill wind of declining consumer spending with even regular shows by the Chippendales male striptease troupe failing to

woo the punters. The company, which announced last week that it is discussing a number of "strategic alternatives" with several parties, yesterday reported flat full-year profits and a poor current trading update.

The news forced the shares 22.5p lower to 192.5p.

The group also disappointed the market by refusing to reveal any further information about possible takeover or joint venture talks. A bid from Rank has been tipped in some quarters, with others suggesting a possible fitness club joint venture with a rival group, such as Vardon. "We are not adding anyAssociate City Editor

thing to our statement of last week," Mr Grade said.

In the first 10 weeks of its 6nancial year, First Leisure's nightclubs and bars division is trading 7 per cent below the same period last year. Family entertainment, which includes bowling alleys, fell by 2 per cent. However, heath and fitness continues to perform well, with sales up 21 per cent last year on a comparable basis.

Mr Grade said: "We've been through much worse than this us the recession of the early Nineties, Indeed, I still don't think we're in recession yet."

He said the average spend in First Leisure's nightclubs was up by 3 per cent over the year hut in-current trading admissions were down by 7-8 per cent. First Leisure has been offering

"selective discounts" and hiring the Chippendales to boost attendances, Mr Grade said it uses the strip shows to build its database of customers,

The group has appointed a new director to take control of the division. More club refurbishments are planned, while the balance of the portfolio will be shifted more towards towncentre sites. "In our experience, the dancing habit has always bounced back from recession." Mr Grade said.

First Leisure's profits in the year to October were £33.3m, excluding exceptional items. This compares with £34.5m in the previous year. The bingo and resorts divisions were sold last year for £38m and £71m respectively. Mr Grade declined to say how the proceeds will be used, though analysts say there may be acquisitions in the bealth and fitness area.

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Retail sales no longer reflect consumption

WORST CHRISTMAS yet and foretaste of recession to come? Or a perfectly reasonable Christmas for sensible traders and a foretaste of life in a zero inflation world?

The poor retail sales over the festive period are really just a starting point for a much more interesting discussion about the nature of commercial activity in a world of transparent pricing.

Just how had the UK retail sales really are will gradually unfold. The best rule is not to trust the initial figures, but wait until any revisions have been completed. In this case wait until we have the January figures too, for swings between the two months often occur as bargain hunters delay their purchases to get lower prices in the sales (trick: give people vouchers for a Christmas present instead of the present itself - they end up getting a better present, or at least the same one at a better price).

Even when the final numbers emerge, expect the headline figures to be disappointing. as one might expect at this stage of the economic cycle, But in five or 10 years, the cyclical aspects of the story will be lost in the mists of time. People will focus instead on the decreasing importance of retail sales as an indicator of consumption and the rising significance of pricing transparency.

There are several aspects to the decline of retailing. As we get richer we tend to spend more on services and less on things. That is partly a price effect. Inflation in services has consistently been higher than that of goods. This phenomenon has been most evident in the US-the graph on the right shows how consistent the trend has been - but is evident in all developed countries.

But this is not just a price effect; the volume of services bought is rising too as we get richer and, crucially, as we get older We(hopefully) all know the effect of rising income. The proportion of income spent on goods, and particularly goods bought through retail stores, tends to fall. Instead we spend more money on ser-



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the retailer cracks'

vices - financial services, leisure, travel and entertainment, personal services. We don't buy so many goods because we have got the goods already; but we do choose to make life more comfortable by buying services.

The changing age structure of the population reinforces this trend: the older that people get, the greater the likelihood that they have already bought the thing but need to buy the service - even if their incomes are not rising.

Finally, conventional retailing may not be picking up the changes in spending pattern. If you buy a book from a bookshop that is in retail services. If you buy it on line from Amazon.com it isn't.

More and more computers are bought online, by-passing conventional channels.

The key point here is that retail sales are becoming a smaller and smaller proportion of consumption, so a bad Christmas in the shops may not necfor consumption.

Expect this non-retail segment of consumption to surge in the years to come. The other new and impor-

tant feature is the impact on very low inflation on the attitudes of shoppers. There are several aspects to this.

The prospect of falling prices changes the relationship between buyer and seller. If prices tend to rise, the buyer knows that be or she should move quickly: the price in the future will be higher. If prices tend to fall, the buyer knows that waiting may result in a lower price. So there is much less incentive to buy at the time of choice of the seller. Next, very low inflation has

mathematical impact on prices. Look at the graph, which shows this in a stylised way. On the left-hand side is an average inflation rate of 10 per cent. One standard deviation above that gives 15 per cent inflation, one standard deviation below: 5 per cent. Now inflation is 2.5 per cent. One standard deviation above gives a price rise of 7.5 per cent, one standard deviation below, minus 2.5 per cent. Relative price changes now are as large as they were then, so that to maintain an RPI

prices of some goods will be alling at 2.5 per cent a year. True, nominal interest rates are lower, so the carrying cost to the manufacturer or retailer of goods that fall in price ought not to be much higher than the carrying cost in an inflationary period. But that as-

at 2.5 per cent means that the

essarily mean a bad Christmas If it is stuck with expensive capital from bonds issued years earlier, or fixed-rate bank loans, it may be in trouble. Just as inflation rescued borrowers from bad investments, deflation is punishing them for these.

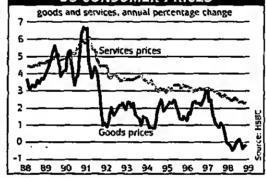
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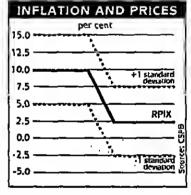
not assume that inflation will remain at 2.5 per cent. Inflation on the Continent, admittedly calculated on a different basis, is now below I per cent yearon-year. That may be partly the result of one-off factors, and core inflation is put at 1.6 per cent. Nevertheless it is perfectly plausible that inflation will remain at below 1 per cent for some time. If it does, the UK target will appear incongruously high. That may be a case for changing the basis of calculation, for on a harmonised basis our inflation is much close to that of euroland. But it is not below 1 per cent yet. The sensible working assumption is surely that UK inflation will carry on downwards in the next few years.

In a world of more or less stable prices, people will become immeosely price-sensitive. We are so used to prices changing that we find it hard to imagine the consequences of price stability. Once we become accustomed to the normality of stable prices we will react very badly to companies, retailers or governments who try to stick them up.

As poor M&S found at Christmas, if people feel goods are over-priced they will keep their cash until the retailer cracks and cuts the price.

That is really the new thing: welcome to the world of pursumes that the eoterprise is relying on short-term finance. chaser power.





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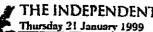
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High returns from hi-tech investments

ANY SHARE with the most remote Internet connection is in canger of hitting the stock harket heights.

The Internet vogue, with assorted computer and telecom associations, was one of the major driving forces in the market's latest advance which, for once, embraced shares outside the exclusive Footsie index. With US software giant Microsoft producing stronger than expected second quarter figures, the hitech brigade did not have to look far for inspiration.

Psinn, the hand-held computer group, was a front-runner in the hi-tech stakes. soaring 118.5p to 845p. The growing possibility of a General Electric Co. hid was one influence. Another was indications that other groups had joined its Symbian joint venture aimed at promoting palm top computer operations. But sion, surprisingly, was refuctant to name any of the lat-

est recruits. Many obscure AIM stocks joined in the party; Intelligent Environment led what often seemed a mindless romp,

SHARES OF Bickerton, the huilding contracting and property development group. firmed to 35p after lifting balf year profits from £44.000 to £102,000. For the year around £300,000

' En sight but it is next Far that the AIM-traded group should start to perform with hopes running high profits will comfortably top £1.5m. The shares came to market two years ago and have been as high as

surging 28.5p to 68p. Netcall, which said it knew of no reason for its share surge "other than perhaps intense current market speculation concerning valuations to be attached to Internet-related shares". jumped 35p to 85p.

Others were chased. Internet Technology raced ahead 42p to 141.5p and IS Solutions surfed 82.5p to 287.5p. The list also included Recognition Systems, up 4p to 16p, and PhnneLink, 7.5p to 39.5p.

Even the stockbroker Durlacher, renowned for its small company hi-tech and Internet links, joined in the fun with a 115p jump to 585p.

In-Line, which has become the mystery Internet share. was again seeking the stratosphere. It jumped a further 101p to 273.5p. The yearly shareholders' meeting came and went without any official word to the market. The company is a tiddler - even now

its capitalisation is only £9m. The shares started last week at 16.5p. Since then, directors have sold stock to - it is said - try to improve market liquidity. The company's portfolio includes Iron Wolves, said to be a submarine simupr and Doink, described as "free multi-player puzzle game". Zergo, on its accountancy links, gained another

65p to 767.5p. Top performing blue chip was the information group MARKET REPORT



Reuters which, the market assumed, must have Internet connections. The shares rose 88p to a 868p peak. Profits, due to be released next month, are expected to be down - Merill Lynch is shooting for £570.5m against £634m.

Others caught on the world wide web included such telecom faithfuls as Colt Telecom, 77.5p bigher at a 1,325p peak, and Telewest Communications, 13.25p at 263p. Misys added 25p to 475p and Sage 80p to 1,845p.

Great Universal Stores, 49p higher at 728p, was chased on its vague Internet links and Dixons, which became an Internet player before Christmas, rose 40p to 1,059.5p, a peak; the shares

were 472.5p in July. The uninhibited rusb to climb aboard the latest hi-tech bandwagon is reminiscent of the heady early days of the bio-tech boom when untried and untested groups roared

SPOTLIGHT share price, pence

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ahead, losing touch with reality. Today, many of the bin fledglings drift along unwanted and unloved.

Footsie ended 78 points higher at 6,105.6 and even the supporting indices made headway. Renewed hopes of lower interest rates helped sentiment.

An array of trading statements had a mixed impact, with Jnhn David Sports rising 12p to 82p but Thorntons, the chocolate chain, melting 17.5p to 196p.

Moss Brothers, the clothing

chain, held at 1340 although it forecast a profits fall, and Alldays, the convenience stores chain, crashed 85p to 92.5p. Colefax & Fowler, the furnishing group, gained 5p to 71p and Grampian, the retailing and transport group, 9.5p to 95p. Cranswick, the food group, improved 22.5p to 316p after suggesting year's profits will be £6.5m against £5m. But First Leisure Corporation lost 22p to 192.5p following a disap-

pointing trading performance. British Aerospace strug-gled out of its nose dive, re-

covering 24.5p to 450p. But General Electric Cn., the other half of the Marconi deal. continued to fall, losing another 21p to 525.5p.

Marks & Spencer, following criticism of its spring fashion range, gave up 9.75p to 337.5p and Cadbury Schweppes lost 34p to 920.5p on worries about its soft drinks sales and the failure of its arch-rival, Nestlé, to meet growth expectations.

Zeneca rose 66p (after 107p) to 2,834p. Rumours continue to swirl that its merger with the Swedish Astra drugs group will be challenged. Latest to assume the market's mantie as counter bidder is SmithKline Beecham, supporting the story by falling 11.5p to 880.5p in busy trading. Shell, the oil giant, man-

stories from Paris it planned an alliance with Elf Aquitaine. House of Fraser, the department stores chain, had another eventful session. The

aged a 3.75p rise to 339p on

shares rose a further 4.5p (after 7pl to 92.5p in busy trading with Joe Bloggs creator Shami Ahmed said to

CONROY DIAMONDS & Gold beld at 59.5p on the fringe Ofex share market. The Irish explorer, created by Professor Richard Conroy, could be nn the verge of establishing a significant gold mine in County Mnnaghan. Mr Conroy says there are

indications the company may have "discovered the first major gald mine in the British Isles". He admits, however, there is "an awful lot nf work to do", CD&G is capitalised at £5.7m.

have built a near 5 per cent shareholding. Field, the packaging group, actually collected a hid. The US group Cbesapeake Corporation is offering 320p a share and Field rose 23p to 316.5p.

A threatened miners' strike left National Power under pressure. The shares fell 20.5p to 510.5p as workers at hard-pressed RJB Mining voted on strike action. RJB fell 3.5p to 52.5p. The mining group and NP are in talks to put in place guaranteed order for eight pits in Yorkshire, where 4,700 miners work.

British Airways dropped 14p to 375p. Chief executive Bob Ayling briefed analysts, prompting CSFB to cut its share price target to 330p. A Westminster decision to refer the £75m take-over of CityFlyer Express to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission

also hit sentiment. British Steel, following instment meetings, rose 14.5p to 119p. CSFB put a target of 145p on the shares, down to

87.5p last month. Blue Circle Industries was again hit by profit downgradings, falling 14p to 257p. Aegis, on bid hopes, improved 8.25p to 113.5 in busy trading. And Adam & Harvey jumped 25p to 142.5p.

SEAQ VOLUME: 1.3 billion SEAQ TRADES: 83.515 GILTS INDEX: 116.39 +0.26 INVESTMENT

Lonhro Africa shares shrug off £5.7m loss

By Francesco Guerrera

LONRHO AFRICA, the troubled botels-to-cotton conglomerate, yesterday posted a disastrous set of results and pledged to sell a range of underperforming

The group, demerged from the late Tiny Rowland's mining empire in May, said it had been hit by a mix of tough market conditions, devaluations of African currencies and political trouble on the continent.

These plunged the company into a £5.7m pre-tax loss for 1998 compared with a £22.6m profit in 1997. However the shares, which have fallen from their 950 float price, shrugged off the figures and rose 3.25p to 50p. Bernard Asher, Lonrho

Africa's outspoken chairman, said the company's plight had been compounded by a revolt by a group of shareholders backed by financier George Soros. Blakeney Management and African Lakes, two emerging market funds with a 10.1 stake in the group, sought to re-place half the board in a hid to hreak up the company. They were defeated by a narrow margin at a shareholder meeting last month.

SHARES IN Alldays, the conve-

nience store chain, lost half

their value yesterday when the

group shocked the City with dis-

appointing results and warned

Shares in the group fell from

177.5p to 92.5p, wiping £73m

from the market value, now

£77m. Last summer the shares

reached a peak of 621.5p.

The plunge was caused by

pre-tax profits down from

£21.1m in 1997 to £13.6m before

exceptionals. Analysts expect-

ed flat profits of at least £21m.

Colln Glass, chief executive,

said the group had expanded

too quickly. He said he was self-

critical about internal controls

that had not been good enough.

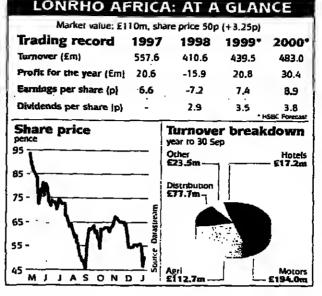
Watson & Phillips, has grown

AllDays, formerly known as

rapidly, adding 200 stores last spread them over three years.

year to bring the total to 959. The pushing down profits this year.

of a difficult year ahead.



incredibly high. This company was completely disrupted for months and on top of this we have the monetary costs to advisers," to be revealed in this year's accounts.

On financial performance, chief executive Mark Newman said all Lonrho Africa's husinesses, ranging from Toyota dealers in Uganda to pig breeding in Kenya, had been savaged Mr Asher said the costs of by the plunge in the continent's the rebellion "had been currencies. Some currencies,

By Andrew Verity

growth was made possible by a

system of separately managed

regional franchises with dis-

cretion over huying decisions.

been too many layers of man-

agement, allowing regional

managers to make ill-judged

purchases. Last year some

made speculative decisions to

buy CDs and other goods that

sold poorly. Excluding asset

disposals, only 1 of 32 regional

franchises made profits in 1998.

deals with suppliers offering

upfront incentives on equip-

ment such as photocopiers,

which they planned to book as

profits this year Instead the cen-

tral management decided to

Regional managers struck

Mr Glass said there had

Tough year in store for Alldays

such as Zimbabwe's, had fallen by over 60 per cent against the pound, wiping some £36m from Lonrho's £425m turnover.

A collapse in cotton prices depressed the company's core agriculture operations, while the bombing of the US emhassy in Nairohi destroyed tourism, Mr Newman said.

The chief executive said the company would try to improve performance by selling noncore and poorly-performing

The group was hit hy poor

weather. Convenience stores

rely on high-margin products

such as soft drinks and ice

cream. Industry observers be-

lieve the poor 1998 summer was

the least profitable nn record.

ALLDAYS

share price, pence

The group changed its name

businesses. In the long term the company would focus on just two divisions - agribusiness, which includes cotton, timber and food procession, and distribution, including car dealer-

ships and wholesale food. Mr Asher said business conditions were no better so far this year, although it was unlikely 1999 would see a repeat of "cataclysmic events" such as the Nairobi bomb.

Analysts cautioned that Lonrho's core markets would remain tough for most of 1999. "We are likely to see a poor set of figures in the first half of 1999 followed perhaps by a bit of a pick-up in motors in the second half," said John Meyer at SG Se-

Commentators noted that Lonrho Africa's shares are trading at a huge discount to its net assets of 106p, making the company a takeover target. "There are a lot of emerging markets funds which would be interested." one said.

Jenni Chamberlain, African equity analyst at HSBC, said the shares should be bought "because of the chance of somebody taking them over, but also because of the break-up value". She said Mr Newman's disposal strategy would improve the company's performance.

to Alldays last year and dis-

business, nearly halving its

stock market value. David

Saunders, head of the retail

business, left last year and Mr

Alldays yesterday amounced

a major restructuring that will

depress profits in the year

ahead. Regional franchises that

do not perform will be bought in

to reduce overheads. The group

has appointed Stuart Lawson, a

former director of Burger King,

Dresdner Kleinwort Ben-

flat profits in the year ahead,

down from 18.8p a year ago.

Crosthwaite said the shares

were unlikely to attract much

brothers are also in business.

while 13 grandchildren are

Youngest brother Jack is

chairman of the Design Centre,

while Gerald, Paul and Phillip

run CIL International, a shop-

fitting company that recently

fitted out the duty free com-

waiting in the wings.

interest in the near future.

as finance director

Glass took hands-on control.

Adscene looks for takeover chances

BY PETER THAL LARSEN

ADSCENE, the regional publisher, is looking for acquisitions to bolster its publishing husiness after pulling out of commercial printing.

Robert Broadley, the finance director, said the company was looking to use its balance sheet strength to invest in its existing businesses as well as outside the group.

Last month Adscene, which publishes a range of local paidfor and free weekly newspapers in London and the Midlands, sold ita Flair Press subsidiary for £1.3m. The move largely ends the company's exposure to volatile commercial printing.

The sale, which triggered an exceptional accounting charge of £5.4m, pulled Adscene into the red for the first half of its financial year. In the half to 28 November the company reported a pre-tax loss of £3m. after a profit of £2.9m in the

same period the previous year. However, Mr Broadley pointed out that the sale had reduced Adscene's balance sheet gearing to 28 per cent, giving it scope for expansion, "It takes some of the pressure off the organic

growth," he said. Despite the rapid consolidation in regional newspapers. now dominated by a few large groups, Adscene insisted that it had an independent future. David Fordham, the chief executive, said its operating margins, which widened to 19 per cent, are at least as good as posed of W&P, its food service those of its larger rivals.

Nevertheless, analysts pointed to signs of a slowdown in advertising sales. Advertising revenues rose by 3 per cent, driven by increased recruitment advertising. But motor and other forms of classified advertising showed falls.

"Recruitment advertising will decline as unemployment increases," Mr Fordham said. "But we still hope to report growth in advertising in the sec-

Adscene shares, which have son, broker to AllDays, predicts risen sharply in recent weeks from last year's low of 110p, fell with dividends staying at 12p, 2p to 163.5p. Analysts said the shares now trade on a multiple David Stoddart of Henderson of 11 times historical earnings, reflecting the concerns that profits would be undermined if advertising began to fall.

take the strain

GEOFFREY ROBINSON may have resigned as paymastergeneral, but one of his proteges. Sir Malcolm Bates, continues to enjoy political patronage from John Prescott of all peo-

Mr Robinson was an ally of Gordon Brown, the Chancellor.

but was no friend to Mr Prescott, Now Mr Prescott has appointed Sir Malcolm as nonexecutive chairman of London Transport. Sir Malcolm, chairman of both Pearl Group and Premier

Farnell, was called in by Mr Robinson within weeks of the New Labour general election victory to carry out a complete review of the stalled Private Finance Initiative (PFD. Alastair Ross Goobey was

removed from the PFI Panel to make room for Mr Bates, and returned to his post as chief executive of Hermes Pensions Management.

Now Mr Prescott has called

Sir Malcolm to PEOPLE AND BUSINESS

By John Willcock

in Sir Malcolm to breathe new life into the capital's staggering public transport network. The Deputy Prime Minister vesterday praised Mr Bates's "extensive management experience and involvement in the development of public-private partnerships (which) means he can help LT build an effective partnership with the private sector."

Heartening to see New Labour healing its rifts.

By design

ANDREW MORRIS is a happy man. He is the managing director of the Business Design Centre in Islington, which is owned hy his family husiness. He is also the founder of the London Contemporary Art Fair,

January 1999

which kicked off its tenth annual exhibition this week. "We started in 1989 with 32 art galleries exhibiting and 4,000 visitors. We sold £200,000 worth of art," Mr Morris recalls. "Now we have 90 galleries, get 40,000 visitors and we expect to sell around £10m worth nf

Mr Morris adds that taking into account art works sold after the exhibition closes, "we think the value of our art market is £15m to £20m".

Despite the success of the Design Centre as an exhibition venue, Mr Morris insists he has "no plans to float the business - even though lots of City people keep approaching me". Mr Morris believes in keep-

plexes at Hong Kong and Dubai

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Top watchdog

JOHN MAGILL, the mild-mannered accountant from Deloitte & Touche who became Dame Shirley Porter's nemesis in the Westminster Council "homes for votes" scandal, has been appointed a top national audit watchdog.

Mr Magill now heads the Forensic Services Department at Deloitte & Touche, and is joining the Financial Reporting Review Panel. The 16-strong panel has power to investigate annual accounts of any public or large private company. Mr Magill was formerly dis-

trict auditor of Westminster City Council and was appointinvestigate the sale of the Council's cemeteries for a derisory sum. He then investigated the sale of council houses involving council leader Dame Shirley and Tory colleagues.

Mr Magill has won the grudging respect of his contemporaries at Deloitte & Touche by his ability to work non-stop on the plane both on the way to New York and then on the return flight to Heathrow. Not a man to cross.

Back to SJPC

PAUL BRADSHAW, a well known figure in the fund management business, is returning to St James's Place Capital (SJPC), which he helped found along with Sir Mark Weinberg and Jacob Rothschild in 1991. Mr Bradshaw is coming

back as chief executive of J Rothschild International If you have any news you wish

to share with "People and Business". please e-mail j.willing it in the family - his four ed by the Audit Commission to cock@independent.co.uk.

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Cricket: The Sri Lankan off-spinner with the unorthodox style is being spurned by sceptical observers Down Under

Australia throws Murali off course

By Stephen Brenkley in Melbourne

MUTTIAH MURALITHARAN is one of the world's great bowlers. At present he is being bounded around Australia. Where he should be lauded he is being ridiculed; when he should he hailed he is being spurned. Murali is a prince being treated as

Quite simply, the Australians think the bewildering Sri Lankan offspinner is a chucker. They have no firm evidence to support this contention and, actually, they have quite the opposite. Yet they have reached a conclusion, demanded a conviction and want to extract pun-

They will not accept that an action which does not conform to the norm is legal. They said so three years ago through a seriea of umpiring calls and are saying so now, if, thus far, more insidiously. It is distinctly unsavoury and it is seriously disrupting the Sri Lankan team and casting a large shadow over a one-day tournament in which England are competing tigerishly.

The media have made their point in all manner of ways, abstruse and explicit. The crowds at the Carlton & United triangular series have followed their lead. Each time Murali has come on to bowl he has heen greeted with chants of "No ball." Officialdom has stepped in and stepped out again just as quickly, appearing initially to say that the bowler's action had been reported and then categorically stating that

It is an opeo secret that Murali

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may be called by an umpire before this competition is done. That profession appears to have closed ranks but nods and winks have been distributed like gifts to International Olympic Committee delegates. No call came, except from the terraces, in Sri Lanka's first three matches. It may have arrived in the day-night match in Hobart against Australia hut the hottest tip in town is that if it is going to happen it will happen this weekend in Adelaide. What

ructions there would be. Muralitharan is playing under tremendous pressure, intolerable scrutiny and probably has no plans to join his hundreds of thousands of compatriots who have made their homes in Australia. Last summer, when be took 16 wickets against England in a Test at The Oval in as entrancing a piece of bowling as you could ever wish or are likely to see, he was on top of the world. Five months on, he must feel he is in the

The team have tried to ensure he said nothing but, dignified though that was, he eventually broke his silence before some waiting television cameras. "It's frustrating when you go to the ground and people are shouting at you all the time, that's maybe the most annoying thing than anything else," be said. "But I think the more they shout, the more I'll be tougher. Other bowlers or other batsmen, when they hit a four or take a wicket, the crowd appreciate them. But with me it's the other way round." The only problem, be added, was in Australia.

The relationship between the bowler and the country has, as they say, form. Murali was 23 when he first came to Australia in 1995, at the start of his remarkable international career. Word quickly got around about the youngster with the





The debate over Muttiah Muralitharan's bowling action is complicated by his 'corkscrew wrists' and his physical inability since birth to straighten his arm

odd action: a bent arm which some were ready to say straightened in delivery. Once that sort of rumour ins wide circulation it does not fade. Medical declarations that his bent arm is generic and cannot be straightened and the apparent possession by one of his brothers of a similar generic rarity have been given no credence.

He was called seven times for throwing, unusually from the bowler's end, by the respected umpire Darrell Hair in the Boxing Day Test at Melbourne. Later on the tour, in a match against Queensland, the bowler was called again by Ross Emerson. (Hair is not umpiring any Sri Lankan matches in this series after rubbishing Murali'a action in a book last year; Emerson is standing in Adelaide this weekend). Controversy ensued but since then, it seemed, nothing - except a burgeoning career. Muralitharan has taken 203 wickets in 42 Tests, one

fewer match than it took Shane Warne to reach that amount. Last August in England, he was

a bowler at the top of his game, a finger spinner with corkscrew wrists which had a snap like a crocodile, wrapped over, under and beside the ball and purveyed magic. Whatever the England coach, David Lloyd, said about his unorthodoxy in an unfortunate interview which came across as grapes which were not so much sour as rancid, his action was accepted by the game's followers at large. Throwing comes under the aegis of Law 24.2, which permits bowling with a bent arm but disallows that arm to be straightened "whether it be partial or complete, during that part of the delivery swing which directly precedes the ball leaving the hand"

Then Murali arrived in Australia with the world champions. The innuendo began immediately and has not abated. It is difficult to pin down 'A CHUCKER' IN THE RULES OF CRICKET

Law 24 (11) Note A. Definition of a throw.

A ball shall be deemed to have been thrown if, in the opinion of either umpire, the process of straightening the bowling arm, whether it be partial or complete, takes place during that part of the delivery swing which dtrectly precedes the ball leaving the hand. This definite tion shall not debar a bowler from the use of the wrist tn the delivery swing."

whole affair is being propelled by something other than the intricacies (beautiful or criminal, depending on your view) of Murali's action. Not racism, exactly, but stemming from the strained cricketing links between the countries.

The gossip grew so confused at pire or referee is not consistent with

but there is a suspicion that the the start of the tournament that Peter van der Merwe, the former captain of South Africa who is the referee, was forced to deny that he had received reports about the action. In a statement the International Cricket Council said that, in any case, public comment by an umcedures.

The gist of much of the statement is that while umpires can, of course, invoke law 24.2 if they think fit, there is now another method to pin down dodgy actions. If an umpire or referee sees something not to his liking, the referee can request the home board in a series to "instruct the TV network to discreetly obtain footage of the player from different angles using a mixture of normal speed and slow motion cameras." The resultant video is then dispatched to the nine members of the ICC's advisory panel on illegal deliveries, who have a video conference. If, in their opinion, there is reason for doubt, the player's home board is informed and asked to withdraw him from international cricket for remedial action.

The ICC also revealed that as recently as 1997 the panel had examined Murali's action and found it be

looked at footage of him bowling when Hair called him in the 1995 Melbourne Test and the ICC was also at pains to point out that what applied in 1997 may not apply now. "The panel can only decide on what has happened, not on what may happen," it said in a sentence as convoluted as Muralitharan's delivery.

It also transpires that an Australian scientific institute has scratinised film of the bowler alve declared the action legal: he creates an optical illusion.

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Ranjit Fernado, the Sri Lanka manager, conceded that the barracking had affected the team'a morale and that they had gone through a trauma, because of being subjected to what amounted to harassment.

"We firmly believe Murali's action has always been fair," he said. Bnt. in Australia, Murali is in danger of being sentenced without trial.

The disturbing truth behind Tyson's fading aura

AFTER SCANNING the many thousands of words that were tapped out last week about Mike Tyson and watching his performance against François Botha on television, two conclusions have been reached personally about the former undisputed heavyweight champion.

The first - and it allows for the disturbing effects of ghoulish media attention - is that Tyson has become a bore. The other, not by any means an original or ringing announcement, is that he will not be remembered as a truly great

Television's two dimensional restriction could not conceal from this viewer the technical shortcomings evident in Tyson before he



KEN JONES

delivered the short, stunning right that brought a fifth-round knock-out over Botha in Las Vegas last

Long-range consultations with a number of good judges who were close to the action added to the impression that Tyson would now ance. A three-year prison sentence probably be at risk against any well-schooled, resolute opponent. In truth, Tyson is finished, only

a ghost of the fighter who once hut it put paid to him as a fighter. spread terror throughout the heavyweight division, lessons imparted by his mentor Cus D'Amato long since

When Tyson was launched on a career that became quickly spectacular, every version of the championship his at barely 22 years old, he was clearly a programmed fighter, his natural power refined by D'Amato's tuition, responding to numbered combinations called out from his corner. D'Amato's death, a rancorous split with trainer Kevin left Tyson without critical ring guid- sensationally regain the title.

for the rape of a beauty queen heightened fascination with Tyson, making him even more marketable,

Suggestions that he could emulate Muhammad Ali's remarkable resurrection after a long absence from the ring were hogwash. Apart from anything else, and size comes into it, Tyson did not have Ali's talent for extemporisation.

Realising that his leg speed, exceptional in a heavyweight, had gone. Ali first explored the extent of his will and theo devised a method of smothering that was taken a daring stage further when he drew George Foreman's fire in Rooney and Doo King's seductions Zaire before knocking him out to

attributed to Tyson has not shown Botha. itself in the ring. An aura of invincibility disappeared with the loss of I had with Floyd Patterson when he his title to James Buster' Douglas.

Unlike Ali, who was unique, he has

been unable to compensate for the effects of inactivity. I found it interesting last week to read that Tyson's latest trainer. Tommy Brooks, was sure of a response to his instruction. Assuming it meant that Tyson would again be employing a stiff jah, that he would be a more elusive target when coming forward and throw clusters rather than single

> provement There, in the first round, they disappeared once Tyson grew frus-

punches, I looked for signs of im-

It reminded me of a conversation was preparing Donovan 'Razor' Ruddock to fight Lennox Lewis in an eliminator for the heavyweight title. After putting in a great deal of work Patterson was sure that Ruddock would enter the ring as a much improved fighter instead, at the first crisis, he reverted to type and did

not last long against Lewis. This was more, or less, the way things went last week in Las Vegas. Forgetting most of what Brooks had told him, Tyson concentrated on trying to dispose of Botha, who was not up to much anyway, with a sin-

News came yesterday of a

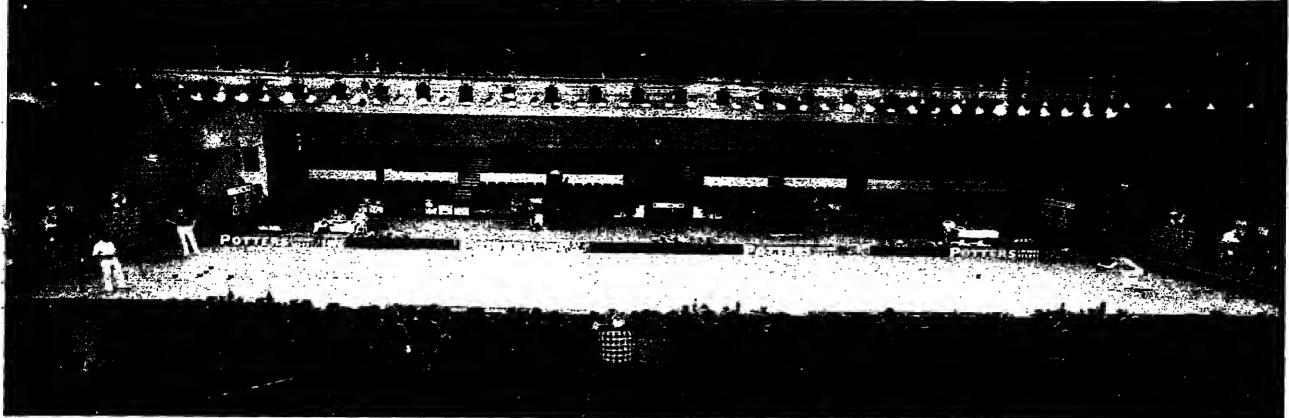
The latent intellectualism trated in his efforts to weaken bizarre incident two days before the contest involving Tyson and a group of broadcasters who were waiting to interview him. "Call me nigger, call me nigger," he shouted at them. He then became tearful. "It was very odd, disturbing," I was told. "You couldn't be sure what Tyson would do next so we decided to tape the in-

terview rather than go live with it." Stories like that make people wonder what the future holds for Tyson, whether his violent mood

swings will have a tragic outcome. Significantly, I think, there was no eagerness on the part of Tyson's television sponsors, Showtime, to talk up his effort against Botha. The implication in their silence is that they can see it will soon be over for

DEPENDENT.

Bowls: Britain's oldest holiday camp has placed its faith in an unlikely attraction as it attempts to boost its image



How they see it: Spectators enjoy a panoramic view of the rink at Potters Leisure Centre while, below, competitors get down to action in front of a packed house at the World Indoor Championships

Tradition makes way for hi-de-hi life

DAVID LE MARQUAND did the charge at the Champion ships this week. Are you ready? He used bowls which matched the colour of his shirt: yellow. Well. I mean to say...

Within the sport, according to Anne Dunwoodie of the World Bowls Tour, Le Marquand's little innovation is re-

garded as "futuristic". Evolution, rather than revolution, is the name of this particular game,

Imagine, then, the furore en the game's authorities accided to shift the World Champlonships from their home of the last 10 years at Preston's Guild Hall to the venue they currently occupy Putters Leisure Resort, Coast Road, Hopton-on-Sea.

"People wrote to us to say It was like moving football from Wembley, or snooker from the Crucible," said John Potter, whose family runs the centre on the Norfolk coast. "Even those who supported us said what we were trying to do was impossiget used to it. Having invested several millions in building the world's largest indoor bowls arena, the Potters have laid out a further £1.3m to host and sponsor the Championships for

next four years. In return, they hope to establish a new clientele of paying - and staying - specta- tains, pot plants, chandeliered

count

BY MIKE ROWBOTTOM

tors to enliven their slack midwinter months. More than 20 hours of mid-afternoon exposure on BBC2 will do nothing to harm their ambitions.

The decision to seek the grey pound associated with bowling was a calculated risk by a company founded on a stroke of fortune by John's great grandfather, Herbert, who established the enterprise with £500 he received for winning a national newspaper competition. The now defunct Sunday Chronicle judged that the young solicitor's clerk had responded best to their challenge

restaurant, bars, gym, swim-ming pool - is deliberately intended to give visitors the sense of being on a cruise. For bowls followers such as

Sylvia Carter, staying throughout the entire three weeks of competition at a cost of around £1,200, the whole concept is working wonderfully. As she prepared to watch her favourite bowler, Ian Schuback, in action - "I first saw him at the 1986

Commouwealth Games and I thought: 'Oh, isn't he gorgeous'!"-Sylvia reflected upon how it felt to be The Complete Package, to use the new alias bestowed upon her by Radio

'It's very easy to be led here. You get a lot of people wanting to buy you a drink. If you get drunk as a skunk... you won't play very well'

of coining an apt three-word "resemblance". Herbert's masterstroke of wit - "Seldom Mutually Agreed" - provided tionalists are going to have to Britain with its first holiday camp, 16 years before Billy Butlin got in on the act.

Thus, as the millennium approaches, the participants and spectators of the 21st World Indoor Championships find themselves contained within a cosy, warm, carpeted dome.

The setting - indoor four-

"I'm having a marvellous phrase starting with letters in time," she said. "I have seen something of every match. I'm here alone, but I haven't been alone. Everybody has been mixing in together - the players, the officials and bods like me. There's always someone to

> sometimes have its downside. "The facilities are excellent," Les Gillett, one of the 16 seeded players this year, said. "The only minus is you can't get

talk to." For some of the play-

ers, however, constant contact

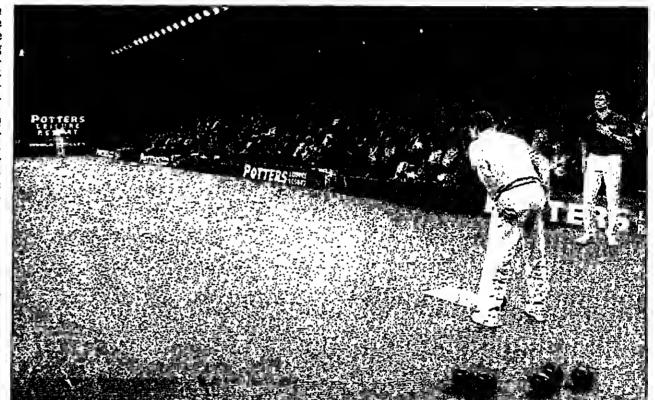
with the paying public can

privacy. If you have just lost, you want to get away to consolidate your thoughts. Here people keep coming up and saying 'hard luck' or asking for autographs. They mean well, but it has bothered a few of the players. You can't really go any

Should any of the tormented competitors make a dash for freedom across the surrounding windswept fields, you fancy they would be bounced back inside by one of the huge balloons that used to thwart the escape hids of Patrick McGoohan in the TV series "The Prisoner".

The holiday atmosphere may also have contributed to the discomfiture of the No 2 seed, Hugh Duff, whose unexpected defeat in his first match followed an evening of jollity in the bar which had concluded in the early hours. Some reports referred to the 35-year-old Scot as the nearest thing bowls has to a wild man. By all accounts, that is not very near at all - Alex Higgins he most certainly is not.

The sport's biggest problem, says the World Bowls Tour's chief executive Gordon Dunwoodie, is that it is seen as being a sport for old people. While the spectators at this year's championship - averaging 400 per session, which is up on Preston's figures - uphold that perception, Dunwoodie points out that most of the top players are now in their 20s and 30s.



This is true. But if they are anything like Gillett, youngest of the seeds at 28, these players have such wise old heads on their shoulders that it is easy to see why the genial Duff stands out as an enfant terrible. Gillett, who broke

cipline themselves.

"It's very easy to be led here," Gillett said. "You've got a lot of people wanting to buy you a drink. But they serve soft drinks here as well as hard ones. If you get drunk as a through to the top level after skunk when you are due to play winning the 1997 Bupa Open the next day, you won't play title as a qualifier, believes it is very well. At this standard,

up to individual bowlers to dis- you just can't get away with it." Gillett's restrained prepa-

rations - single pints and plenty of practice on the same portable rink that was used in last year's Championships at Preston - appear to be paying off for him. While haif the numbered seeds have made an early exit, he managed to win his opening match against the

Australian player, Steve Glas-

Meanwhile, Sylvia, who has had an unrivalled opportunity to study the form at first hand, has sorted out her own unofficial rankings for the competition, which ends this Sunday. "I have a feeling for David

Gourlay," she said, with a smile. Results, Digest, page 29

Promise of fresh glory for Gregory

A spell of soul-searching in the sun has rejuvenated Super League coach after a bad year. By Dave Hadfield

AMID ALL the changes that my own doing. What changed have taken place at Salford as my life around was two directhey prepare for what they believe will be a vastly better year than last, the most significant is that the glint is back in Andy Gregory's eye.

The club's coach, the longest-serving in Super League, despite the precariousness of his role, had a hunted, unhappy look about him during last year's rugby league season. "I couldn't wait for that season to end," he says. "Now I can't wait for this one to start."

The metamorphosis of Gregory has come just in time. His friends and admirers were worried sick about him last year as be went into a downward spiral that mirrored his team's troubles on the field.

"I was totally down and I didn't give 100 per cent commitment to the job, but this year I'm completely focused," he the problems I've had, but now I feel great."

The problems centred around the break-up of his marriage and a self-confessed descent into heavy drinking, not helped by taking over a pub at the precise time when he was most vuinerable.

"I think a lot of it was down to my divorce, which was totally benchmark, with Salford drop- he persisted too long with

tors of the club who took me on holiday. We talked about my problems with drink and they managed to convince me that I'd had a great career and I'd still got a great life. When I came back, I was a different

If that sounds like a hit of a lavish advert for Gran Canaria, then his appearance and demeanour bear out the claims of a transformation.

For the first time since his playing days as the finest British scrum-half of his generation, he is working out regularly with his players and looks fit and alert once more.

He is not claiming that he does not have the odd pint - and he opened a new pub, appropriately next door to the complex that will house his old club Wigan's new ground last Fild "It's been well publicised night - but the demons are under control.

> And, as the pain has lifted from his shoulders, the mood at something that Gregory will the whole club has changed. "It's the best atmosphere since I came here," he says, "including the season when we fin-

ished sixth in Super League." Last season was a dreadful disappointment after that



Andy Gregory, Salford's coach: 'What changed my life was two directors who took me on holiday'

hanging over The Willows. There were few weeks when it did not look as though Gregory might either quit or be sacked, but the Salford chairman, John Wilkinson, stuck by him and gave him the breathing space to sort himself out never forget.

"Most of the supporters stuck with me as well, although there were a few who were having a go. They seemed to forget what we had achieved here." Gregory believes now that

son has now backed his judgement by allowing a major re-structuring over the close season. Even during a winter notable for its transfer activity. few clubs have brought in 11 new players and much of Gregory's peace of mind will inevitably depend oo how well

he says. "We've got a great squad together, with competition in all positions, so now it's up to the coaches."

"There are no excuses now,"

complete clear-out of the over-

ping to 11th place, and an air of some of the players who had seas quota and the recruit- what I had to do, but I wasn't en-distillusionment and crisis done a good job for him. Wikin- ment of five new Australians, joying it. Now I'm buzzing and who will add, between them, some of the elements that were missing last season, like ballskill in the forwards and pace

> "People who were critical last season also lost sight of the fact that we didn't have a propergym or training facilities. We were like nomads up and down the East Lancs Road."

That is something else that has been put right for 1999 and it is obvious just by looking at Gregory that he has derived as Among the changes are a much benefit from it as anyone. "I wasn't happy last year. I did

joying it. Now I'm buzzing and I'm delighted about the way the squad has been training. We came off the pitch today and just said to ourselves "That'll do us'."

He knows as well as anybody that the most optimistic of preseason sentiments can evaporate with an early series of defeats, but whatever it cost to take Andy Gregory soul-searching in the Canaries already looks like money well spent.

"We will be successful this year," he promises. As far as rediscovering his own direction is concerned, the success has

Hayes' hiatus

Salford show

faith to end

years of injury-induced misery by finally signing for Salford. The Great Britain tour winger in 1996 suffered a series of sethacks at St Helens after returning from New Zealand, but he has now passed a medical to allow him to complete his move to The Willows.

"It's been a frustrating couple of years and this transfer seems to have been going on forever, but [Salford coach] Andy Gregory has shown a lot of faith in me," he said yesterday.

Hayes, now 23, suffered a series of knee injuries that at one stage threatened his career. He has been given a clean bill of health on that front and has now been given the all-clear as well on the wrist that he fractured at the end of last season.

It will, however, be two weeks before he can play and will thus miss this weekend's friendlies against Barrow and Lancashire Lynx. Hayes becomes Gregory's 11th signing of the winter, and probably

Another Salford newcomer, the Australian forward Hudson Smith, will be able to play against Barrow tomorrow -

after seeming likely to miss out because of the size of his feet. Smith, who wears size 14 boots, lost them in transit from Sydney, but an appeal has produced a volunteer willing to lend him a pair while the former

Balmain second-rower has had

a pair of his own made. Another player from Syd-

JOEY HAYES has ended two BY DAVE HADFIELD

join the Super League newcomers, Gateshead Thunder, next month now that his wife has given birth.

All Gateshead's players, except Lee and the former Newcastle Knights centre, Brett Grogan, whose partner is awaiting immigration clearance, will be used in the Thunder's first friendly, at Castleford on 29 January.

All Super League and First Division players are to be consulted over some of the game's most significant issues. The Rugby League, in conjunction with the Professional Players' Association, is to ask for their opinion on matters such as the organisation of international football and the effectiveness or otherwise of the League's drugs policy.

Players are also to be asked for their views on the system of unlimited interchange used in Australia. The game in Britain allows unrestricted use of substitutes, but some coaches are strongly in favour of it.

Alex Murphy, who received an OBE in the New Year's honours list, is to be given a special presentation before St Helens' match against Swinton on Sunday. The former Great Britain scrum-half first played for Saints and later coached his home-town club.

The former Oldham coach, Brian Gartland, who discovered the current Great Britain ney, the former Cronulla for- coach, Andy Goodway, as a 17ward, Danny Lee, has year-old, has died, aged 62.

Forristal has the measure of old villains

IT WAS in April 1996 that a horse called Fletcher made his first appearance on a racecourse. It was a successful debut, too, one which persuaded the Timeform race-readers at Newmarket that he was "sure to win for a racing rogue. By Greg Wood again", but it soon became clear that the horse had other ideas. Over the next two-anda half years, 13 different jockeys tried their luck on his back, including Kieren Fallon, Pat Eddery and Michael Hills, in a ability was clearly intact, not one could persuade Fletcher to put it to good use. Timeform's commentators, their patience exhausted, allowed themselves a rare stab at humour. Fletcher was, they concluded, "a ha-

But then Richard Forristal climbed aboard for an amateurs' race at Ascot, and something astonishing happened - Fletcher won. Showing the steely nerve of a seasoned professional, For-ristal delayed his run until the last possible second. By the time his mount realised that he was in front and tried to apply the brakes, the post was already receding.

Forristal, clearly, was not one of those amateur riders McCoy and Declan Murphy who thinks he is doing well if he simply points his horse in the right direction. Instead, while the race which first got him noticed was on the Flat, he is an land, which is often a different many stewards' inquiries. It's thing entirely. As it was for Adrian Maguire, who also arrived in Britain with a "Mr" in you to be a hit hard-edged." front of his name, amateur status is simply a useful starting point in Forristal's journey to-

1,20 Perfect Venue

GOING: Soft (Heavy in places in home streight).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lauren's Led (150), Oben (220).

1.50 Efrawe

2.20 Careysville

2.50 Santabless

New faces for 1999: Despite his tender years and amateur status a young jockey has proved too wily

stable jockey at the time.

jockey, has four more).

next season. "I'm looking for a

sponsor and turning profes-

sional is the next step. I couldn't

afford to be an amateur for an-

other season," he says. Unless

Bailey's string hits peak form from now until May, he will do

so as a conditional, although as

ever, the transition which will

matter is the one from condi-

all of my claim by the end of the

season," he says, "but the hard-

est thing is definitely when you

do lose your claim, or even

VERDICT: The Swam will take at the bedding if shelt at full strength after a lay-oft, but there are two here capable of causing an upset, LAUREN'S LAD as bound to go well now that he's dropped to selling grade and with Xawier Auguru riding him for the first time. He is also Read with birkess which helped him on the Fist, Ehraws, an ex-burger horse, will again be purinered by Norman Williamson after a handcap run here last month.

2.20 CORAL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) 210,000

BETTING: 9-4 Careysville, 9-2 Finited Onle, 5-1 Segry Lame, 11-2 Fraddle Much, 10-1 Oturn, Rectary Garden, 11-1 Permython Prince, 14-1 Solo Gere, 16-1 Woodlands Beau, 25-1 others 1998: no corresponding race

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Flated Oats: Former winning pointer with all wire over regulation tenues gained at Fontwell (2m2f). Unseated at Chellenham and then a faller five out when going well in Europe's race at Sandown. May struggle with his big weight. Rectory Gender's Garrier fordrunner who is well terridicapped on his wins lest assessing at Unionative and Windows. Uses soft ground and 9th better off for the latest Ste to Feels by Zaggy Laine at Untosater last time. Freddle Music True stayer who jumps well and chopped 4th for the latest Ste to Feels. Use Gold in bad ground at Kelso. Lett clear when Earthmover lett at Newton Abbot with Rectory Gender (2b worse) a detance behind him Merlins Dreams Fast ground winter over hundles and fences and hampened at Leicester on reappearance (race won by Auto Piloti, Will be fitter but teating ground as worry Obent: Beatier 12 lengths by Dom Semoural at Haydock and a 23-length eth to Rightseidfred at Newtony lists time, fet to win beyond 2m4 and now tried in Differer Zaggy Lainer. On the upgrade and beat Hawaiian Youth in a better race at Uticester (Rectory Garden 4th and 3th bester off) after the Newton Abbot success. Should stay this setta 3f and open to further improvement.

(Rectory Garden 4th and 9th bester off) after the Newton Abbot success. Should stay this sett a 3th and open to further improvement Pennymoor Prince. Polished the stamins set (Sm2t) to beet Newton Point at Chepstow lest season and distances of 2m3th and 2m7th haufficient tests this serm, the lettes behind Clever Remark at Exeter. Pine chance now that he has his ground and trip Woodlands Beaut. Sifer test here compared to his Towerstay with trom Jodes Cross. Made mistakes at Plumpton next time when beaten a distance by Whippers Delight Carreysville: Would probably have finished 2md to Repressing at Ayr in April but for falling at the final tence. Couldn't have wen any easier from Scarce at Polyestone (3m2t) on responsement. Contests stronger race today but still on a decent mark with a 5th penalty Jazzment Window hurdles witner and a novice over lences. Second to Anthring at Towesser and staying on when 3rd to Stepasideboy at Window last that over a langth at Hurtingdon (3m6t) before a 3-length 2nd to Young Kenny at Mariest Resen (4m1).

VERDICT: Rated Oats deserves a change of botune after the latest Sandown tal but he is always likely to clump a few and a big weight also has to be defied. The number to catch the eye with only 10st 6b is CAREYSVILLE, who just had to leavy galloping to stay

clear of two modest make at Followore. The stable remains in creding order and Carrywille should be well suited by its light circuit. Like Carrywille, Zaggy Lune might still be ahead of the francicapper, and the trip and going are made for Pennymour Prince, who will be all the straighter for his two runs that seeson.

2.50 EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICE HUNDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 2m 3f 110yds Pensity Value £2,931

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Sentabless: Impressive Cheterham and Plumpton winner but taded rapidly after look-ing winner 3 out when last at 5 to Kings Road at Newbury (2m8f nov, soft). Very promis-

added 3m 3f Penalty Value £7,198

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"It would be a miracle if I lost

tional to senior

with Magnire too, such as his to Bailey's front door and asked relatively slight build - Forristal weighs less than 9st. Then there is his pugnacious riding style, which developed first at total of 26 races. Though his a local riding school and racing yard in Co. Cork, and then during working holidays at Aidan O'Brien's stable.

The most telling entry on Forristal's cv, though, may be the 18-year-old's background in Irish pony racing, which is long on action and very short on rules. It is a tough school, which counts Maguire, Tony

'In pony racing you go as hard as you can from the start and there aren't

many stewards' inquiries. It's everyone to their own'

among its recent graduates.

"It's the best experience you can get, because yon have to look after yourself," Forristal says. "You go as hard as you can amateur jump jockey from Ire- from the start and there aren't everyone to their own, and more than anything, it teaches

So much so that at just 15, he was ready to leave home for Britain, and a job with Kim Bailey in Lambourn. It has been said that he simply walked up

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(24.5%), R Hodges 15-150 (10.7%), P Nicholis 10-87 (155%),

III LEADING JOCKETS: A P MicCoy 25 wins from 130 rides (18.2%), M A Fitzgerald

14-66 (21.2%), C Maude 14-88 (15.9%), T Descombe 12-11 (10.8%).

III FAVOURITES: 152 wins from 402 races (success rate 37.8%).

1.20 YARCOMBE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 1f Penalty Value £2,421

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POHM GUIDs:
Perfect Venue: Twos made the frame at Ascot (behind Gathau and Renzo) before beeting the odds-on Mersey Beat on this course on good ground. On softer ground with a penalty today but rements the one to beet.

Tain Ton: Ex-bumper galding who returned from two year lay-off to beat the favourite Don Fayruz in the soft at Warwick. Modeat showing behind Polar Champ at Bangor the following month but chances here it recovering the Warwick ability. Access Feathvilla: Moderate on the Flat and tailed off behind Country Beau here on burder, slebut in Maramber.

Russias debut in recoveringer. Boater: Looked none too keen in a finish when 2nd to Lizzys First at Exeter and pulled up in Sandown handicap (2m8) won by Stipmetic. Better form on this sherper course on reappearance when 4th to Ahoseam. Riscourton: Winner on the Flat for Peter Calver (fast and testing ground) so an inter-

esting recruit, especially with Norman Williamson booked. Heavy ground win gemed

tiver areas Evaporate: Hurdles newcomer and first attempt since beating Kintavi at Laicester (1m41)

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waver afterwards) in heavy ground at Exeter on debut but can improve Santa Court: Moderate form on the Flat but could do better at the winter game with

Statistic Courts in Operate being this site.

Sharganzair: Failed to deliver under presente when 2nd to Tralude at Newbury and hasn't looked too keen on two runs since, behind Dangerus Precedent at Cheltenham and Norsid Lad at Sandown.

Street Fighter: Subotics colt who won twice over trust in Franch Provinces, the latest in testing ground at Nantes in November. Chances at the weights it baiding to jumps

VERDICT: PERFECT VENUE was getting 7th from the younger Mersey Beet when he

Variable 1s Promise things on the run-in here six weeks ago. The could prove a shar-collared Gay Microsis change on the run-in here six weeks ago. The could prove a shar-er less with the persuity in the more teating ground but he is taken to follow up with his stan-her continuing in such cracking form. Take flow can be considered if genering his less tillop as Bangor, but Shiergentzer may tack the will to deliver even in this lower grade. Street Fight-er is interesting at the weights because he showed on the level in France that he can han-dle testing ground, as did Risconton, who should figure on his hurdles debut with Norman Williamson booked.

entices' handicap in May, 1937 (good ground) ny Princess; Trained by Ron Hodges last season and not totally disgraced de-nishing a long way off Yolds Mopple here three weeks ago ha: Ten-year-old hurdles newcomer without action since contesting a Warwick

3.20 Playlord

3.50 Beefy Nova

4.20 Atlantic Mist (nb)



Forristal's riding style is reminiscent of Adrian Maguire's

when you go down to 3lb, whether people still want to use you. A lot of good jockeys are forgotten about when their

But at least one significant figure seems confident that he has the talent to move up and keep going. Dave Roberts, the agent to the stars with names like McCoy and Mick Fitzgerald on his books, agreed to

represent Forristal at the end rider, and one to be reckoned of last season. Roberts's famed ability to find spare winners could yet see Forristal pass Dempsey in the amateurs' title race, and should maintain the momentum as his allowance

At his current rate of progress, it seems inevitable that Forristal will begin the 2000-2001 season as a senior

with. Horses run and jump for er demonstrated, he knows to the inch where the winning post is. For the next few months, he will effectively be a full professional with a 5lb allowance, and punters who do not take advantage could spend

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the next 10 years regretting their mistake. Go Go Henry: Promising chase debut 2nd to Times They Change at Ludiow and good 3rd to Influence Pediat over seme course next time but subsequent progress restricted by shoddy jumping. The one to beat with a clear round in weak race Mr Pipe Men: Ex-pointed Pair 2nd to Sent Cracker at Plumpton before refusing at

8th Ingher, Needs something better than latest 13 lengths 3nd of 7 to Harding at Folke-May Sunset: Moderate novice hurder. Weak in market when his rais and pulled up at Stri on chase debut in Robest's mosioner CSD but sidelined since tailed off and pulled Gaillie Girls Some shally three seasons ago, but sidelined since tailed off and pulled up in most won by Call Me Filter here Dec '96 (3m hoap, good). Sgt Childoraft: Little sign of ability over hundes and quickly lost touch on chasing debut

and will not need to be anything special to figure on his tending debut.

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the last when distant 2nd in Rockforce's race at Folkestone. Something to find Playford: Bred-for-crissing son of Arctic Lord who showed some study over h

ice won by Native Pling at Exeter (2m1f nov hosp, heavy) VERDICT: Little form to letch onto here, and a clear round by the enatic GO GO HENRY will probably be enough to clinch the lieue unless the well-bred Playford proves out of the

3.50 LEVY BOARD JANUARY CONDITIONALS HANDICAP HURDLE (F) £3,000 2m 3f 110yds Penalty Value £2,327E Hambers

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BETTING: 4-1 Canto, 9-2 Beely Nors, 5-1 Country Kris, 6-1 Granby Bell, 7-1 Studio Thirty, 6-1
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Cartor, Paised 7th for 6 lengths win over Upham Surprise over C&D (soft) lest month
under Richard Dunwoody. Needs jots of driving and has his work out out
Lith's Work: Lucky Dester winner over Gorman from 4th lower in Nov and disappointing
when tried in blinkers need time, finishing 35 lengths 8th of 14 to Danging Poser at Exeter(2mill nov hidea, good to soft). Others preferred
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(2mil hosp, gris) last month but query over form after disappointing 20 lengths 4th of

12 to Shadlarri in lower grade over 2m37 on serife course

Sasti: On the upgrade last spring with 4-length C&D win over Emperor Buck from 1to

lower. Well treated on that form but talled off on return last month

Grade British: Winner of 2 select last term. Has not built on promising 13 lengths 4th

to Cestrapterity on Visravick 2m reappearance and looked doubtful stayer when the lengths 3rd of to to Krabbornik at Wintsarbon (2m con hip, soft) last week. Grantiby Selfs: Hereford wroner last month but 17b rise too much when 7 lengths, 3rd to Cento over this CSD laters. So put with when there but still difficult task Reale-B: On the side since sooting over 3m here 3 years ago from 8th higher. Little sign at revival when 7th of 17 to Spirit Level at Eveter (2m71 hosp, soft)

VERDICT: This shorter trip could be the snewer for BSEFY NOVA, who appeared to be going like a winner turning for home in Stipmblids race at Sendown but paid the parafity for being in front for looking. A slightly less aggressive ride and the drop in the weights might be sufficient to help him break the ica. Country Kirls, dropped 3b since his littlest run, is lightly raced and appeals as a possible improver to deny Cento.

CURLAND HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 4.20 CURLAND MANUICAF THURSDAY added 2m 11 Penalty Value 52,710 ### OCCUPATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

SETTING: 11-4 Aerion, 3-1 Atlantic Mist, 4-1 Yent D'Acut, 7-1 Distant Storm, 8-1 Mine O Three, 9-1 Briggs Term, 12-1 Welten America 1998: Arms Solel 5 to 8 M Richards 8-2 (O Sherwood) 5 ran

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Versit D'Acert: Sorth in the Trumph and getting little mercy from handicapper. Beaten 24 lengths when 4th of 5 to Globe Runner at Haydock (2m4) hosp, soft). Aerlord: Highly relad two seasons ago and promising cometack at Easter in Nov feel when challenging! Visclemed quickly from 2 out when 37 lengths 6th of 8 to Trutchev at Chellenham (2m1) hosp, good to soft) but cannot be written off yet Nine O Three: Pirst run for 11 months but first-time-out written for last 2 seasons and the soften pages (48, 158) since 11 length 3 countries on Mercit, seasons. Name O Threes First tun for in morning out frist-time-out within the 45x 2 sessions and 9 langths acother over C&D from 10 lower 13 months ago, Ments respect Attendic Mists Capable of winning off this mark, judging by C&D effort behind Drag-on King in Merch (Dirksard first time, leading when fell last). Promising 2nd to Time For Action on comeback here and looks ine prespect book in binkers Welton Arsenal. Wincamton winner from 6th lower last January. In fair form when 16 langths 4th of 8 to Easter Ross at Wincamton (2m hosp g/s) but looks a shade high in

weights
Distant Starm: Good 4 lengths 3rd to Bowciffe Court at Leicester last month and fair
1% length 2nd to Topanga at Foliastone (2mtf hosp, heavy) latest, but 4th higher than
least winning mark and looks exposed. All wins on good ground
Briggs Tom: Progressive soft. Rain well under 5th rise for Ludow win when bin 1/2
length by Picket Piece over same C&D, but extra 3th here looks severe VERDICT: ATLANTIC MIST has run a series of good races here and the return of The state is at Lact two man rest run a series of good races here and the return of binkers could get him back on the winning trail following a promising correlated: He is a winner without a penalty on his run against Dragon King here less March and is just preferred to Mine O Three - who runs well when tresh - and the rather disap-pointing Aerian.

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Race-fixing reaches Lords

race fixing and horse doping, which has so far produced 15 arrests but not a single charge.

The debate, taking the form of an unstarred question - limited to one and a half hours at the end of the day's business has been called by the Liberal Democrat peer Lord Falkland, and is the first time the Government has been called to account since the first arrests of the jockeys Jamie Osborne, Leighton Aspell and Dean Gallagher in January last year.

It will "ask Her Majesty's Government whether they are satisfied with the way in which the inquiry into possible criminal activities is proceeding and, in particular, whether they consider that damage could be done to the reputation of jockeys arrested and subsequently released without charge in the course of the inquiry".

Osborne, who along with Aspell was subsequently cleared Gallagher remains on bail said: "It's good news. As far as my situation is concerned it is over now, but I know exactly what the jockeys who are still on bail feel like."

Explaining his reasons for calling the debate, Lord Falk- Board, Lord Hartington.

THE HOUSE of Lords will next land said: "I am a racing en-Monday debate the long running police investigation into not saying that racing is either deemably corrupt - my position is nearer pure than corrupt but the way in which the present inquiry is proceeding is leaving a trail of reputations which are damaged in the eyes of the public, inevitably, before any convictions have taken place. I think that is unjust.

"It is very unfortunate that international sportsmen, whose earning lives are sometimes

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Grasslandik (Lingfield 2.30)
NB: High in The Clouds (Ludlow 3.40)

quite short and precarious, should be put at risk in this way." Further high-profile arrests were made earlier this month when the jockeys Graham Bradley and Ray Cochrane and the

former trainer Charlie Brooks

were detained and bailed. The Queen's racing manager, Lord Carnarvon, is expected to attend the debate along with Channel 4 Racing's Lord Oaksey and the founding chairman of the British Horseracing

Moulin joins Williams

EDELWEIS DU Moulin has be-come the latest Cheltenham Miss Williams has been set the Festival hope to join Venetia Williams. He was previously trained by the late Gordon Richards, for whom he won four novice chases last season before sustaining an injury when runner-up at Ayr in April.

Edelweis du Moulin has

been entered for the Queen Lincoln call

KING OF TUNES and Right Wing, second and third to Hunters Of Brora in last year's Lincoln Handicap are among the leading fancies for this year's race at Doncaster on 27 March, for which the weights were published yesterday. The draw remains a crucial factor in the £50,000 mile race,-tradi-

Ascot will hold an inspection of its hurdle course at 8am today. Should it fail, the course will stage a five-race all-chase card tomorrow instead of an eight-race fixture.

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ing's build up to the National

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tionally the first big betting heat of the Flat turf season.

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(Right Wing (J Dunlop/Bakita)	20-1	18-1	20-1	8
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King Of Times (J Sheehan/7507(b)	20-1	16-1	20-1	25-1
Later Space (D Essecrit/Sst 10b)	30-1	20-1	23-1	20-1
amesome Dude (Sr M Stoute/9st)	20-1	16-1	25-1	161
Nombre Mr Nicoguy (E Alston/Intilit)	25-1	20-1	20-1	25-1
Silca Blenka (A Newcombe/6x4)	20-1	20-1	25-1	25-1
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RESULTS

HUNTINGDON

1.30: (2m 10yds. novoe hurde)
1. GEARSTONE ______ J Culloty 18-1
2. Radomsko ______ B Fenton 7-1
3. Get The Point ______ D Gellagher 20-1 Alact 10-11 law Dimouskit, 7-1 Bryriker, 10-1 King Cool, 16-1 Rheinbold (4th), 16-1 Sir Lusichabot, 20-1 Jeast Pterre, 20-1 Kinga Assembly, 33-1 Bow Belle (6th), 33-1 Cari-ad Cymru (5th), 33-1 Night Fighter, 50-1 Komasta, 50-1 Talk of A Niose, 50-1 Var-minist Drugs, 85-1 Michael Level romasta, 50-1 task of A Nose, 50-1 Var-rishing Day, 66-1 My Lost Love 17 ran. 1%, 6, 1, 13, sh-hd. (where bay gald-ing by Aleared out of Noble Trans, trained by Mrs O Hanne, at Newmarket, for herself). Totas win EALTO: places ES10, E320, E420. DF: C167.20, CSF: C113.83.

£220 CSF: £248. Non Funner: Sir Samuel.

Also: 9-2 Bassie Browne (5th), 10-1 Mol-sum (4th), 16-1 Daru, 25-1 Claireswan (6th), 33-1 Beliroi. (early, 55*) Gentle II. (winner bay gelding by Castle Keep out of Lady Oweneds, trained by O Nicholson, temple Guiffig, for Lord Vestey). Tota: 5170; 5130, 5180, 5230. DF: 5320, CSF: 5548. Throast: 54230. Two fences omitted on chase course

final fence when in lead).

5 min. nk, 27 (winner chestnut gelding by Northom Siste out at Nyerl, trained by J Jelferson. Matton, for W A Bethell). Total win £430; places £250 £200 DF: £510 CSF. £1805. Only three finished.

Alao: 8-1 Another Course, 8-1 Simple Ang-matic (6th), 10-1 Captain Walter (4th), 10-1 Cawarra Boy (5th), 25-1 Days of Thunder, 33-1 Little Rowley. 33-1 Little Rewiey.

9 ran. 7(25, 29, 11/4, 13 (winner bay golding by Lord Americo out of Cocietuti, trained by S Sherwood, East latery, for The Boys in Red). Total: £8.80; £2.10, £1.20, £1.70 DF: £9.40, £5F: £65.33 Theast, £65.27 4.00: (2m 5f 110yds, novice h'cap hurde)
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Also: 8-1 Supreme Troglodyte (4th), 9-1 Whispering Court, 10-1 Normanby Road (5th), 10-1 The Ned, 11-1 Knockaroa, 12-1 Predicus listed (8th), 13-1 Lang Wheng, 20-1 Falbulous Mtoto, 25-1 Karadeni, 50-1 Medicia Jeros Magic Lamp.

Is ran. 1%, 4, dist, 1, 25. (wherer bey gold-ing by Electric out of Gey Signet, trained by B Curley, Newmarket, for P Syrne). Tota: win 2740; picces £200, £280, £130. DF: £2140. CSF: £3956. Tricest: £6850. Place 6: £1275. Place 5: £200.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Gong: Standard
1.40: 1. MAGICAL SHOT (R Fitzpetrick) 92.2, Arc 5-4 fev; 3. Bruff Stream 3-1 9 res.,
74, 3. (D Carrol, Southwel), Tota: 07.30: 5100,
5150, C160, DF: 5560, CSF: 51134, 2.10: 1. ABULLIOOD (C Lowther) 8-4 fav; neco Gold 10-1: 3, Alsohib 15-8, 9 ra 4, nk. (P Haslam, Middleham), Tota: £2.20; £140, £2.30, £140, DF: £15.30, CSF: £18.34.

240, 1230, E440, DF: 2530, CSF: £4834, 240; 1. CHIMA CASTLE (C Lowther) 11-8 for; 2. Raylik (0-1; 3. King Priam 9-2, 12 ran, 3, 1½, (P Haslam, Middletham), Tota: 2230, E160, E270, E200, DF: £2816, CSF: £4876, Theast: £589, Tota Tridecta: £58920, 3, 10; 1. FLYING OFFICER (N Pollard) 5-4 for; 2. Adelphi Boy 10-1; 3. Cleasy Cleo 7-4, 6 ran, 7, ½, (Sr Mark Prescot), Newmarket), Tota: £190; £120, £830, Ouel Fore. market). Total: £190; £120, £810. Duel Fore-cast: £16,60. CSF: £1543. Non Rumer: Primo Lara.

Princ Lara.
3.40: 1. KEEN HANDS (R Proc) 11-10 fav;
2. Lady Carbron 8-1: 3. Light Breeze 5-1.
9 ran, sh-hd, 1. (Mrs. N Macauley, Melton
Mowbrey) Totar 52:30, 51:20, 51:30, 52:30, DP;
58:70, CSP; 57:00. No bid for withres.
4.10: 1. SARON DE PICHON (J Cultur) 811 fav; 2. Erimsate 7-2: 3. West U There 181. 7 ran. 2. 11/2. (N Littmoden,
Wokerhampton), Yoter 51:80; 53:00, 52:30, DP;
52:80, CSP; 53:27,
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Jackpot: £3,25460. Placepot: £440. Guedpot: £430. Place 6: £3,48. Place 5: £2,87.

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ing winner a our when east or a strange nace as rewally particular, sont may be undering and probably worth another chance. Affair Form of Euclar win over Eurlan Boy looks solid, but exposed when 14 lengths and to Shageen as Ultimater (2met now solid and something to find Bucks Reef: Buckey gelding making hurdles debut, Little sign shiftly in bumpers. Gravity Flour. Over The River gelding from a good family. Useful 2nd (winners behind) in bumper here in Nox Worth noting in the market on hurdles debut Leithants Trentaliant gelding out of ultraced mark. From yard enjoying a good season and worth a chart in the market. 1.50 PICKERIDGE SELLING HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,000 added 2m 1f Penalty Value £1,509 and worth a check in the market Portock Hill: People getting, half-brother to winning hurder Wynsfard Hill. Pacecourse debut and looks stable second string Sandoran: Poor completion rate, but some ability when fell at the last in race won by N Waterment Luscombe at Exper (2011 nov hose, heavy). Looks up against it indian Legend: Yet to build on last season's promise and numing off plater's mark when 4 lengths 9th of 12 to Rake Hey at Hersford (2m1) arrest now hosp, good) - 6 declared -BETTING: 4-6 The Swarr, 9-2 Doctor Bravious, 7-1 Blazing Castle, 0-1 Leonen's Luci, 10-1 Straws, VERDICT: it was disappointing to see SANTABLESS capitude at Newtury after his very profitsing early successes. He appeared to have a bright future and a worth another drance. Alta's limitations were exposed by Stehgreen at Uttowers, but her 10th concession from Santabless will make her a force to rection with the testing conditions. Gravity 33-1 On The Cards 1998: Circle Of Mage: 4 TO 9 A P McCoy 5-1 (M Pipe) 15 ran FORM GUIDE Flow and Leaburn look the pick of the newcomers. Blazing Castle: First run in seller after tailed off efforts on this course, behind Prince Of India and Perfect Venue Doctor Bravious: Has lost his form and no surprise to see him dropped in dass after 3.20 BICKENHALL NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) 55,250 added 2m 3f Penalty Value £3,870 another weak performance at Wincomton lest week in Krabicomik's race Elraws: Ran as though in need of outing (first for four months) when 8th to Cento here (2m3f) lest month. Trained by Brian Elison when 2nd to Jessica One in Market Rasen bumper (good ground) last season On The Cards: Taled off both starts last term and hard to fancy on first attempt for The Swan: John Dunico trained when a stayer on the Flat and creditable hundles of fortis leas season in selfers with thrace to Lyphands Fable at Chepatow and Circle Of Megic here. Leading chance it straight enough after the year's absence Lituren's Lad: Hea twice held a rear view of the decent Miss Orphan, the latest at Hereford when besten a distance. Binkered first time and wore them on the Plat when 2nd to Respond at Salisbury (fin, fast ground) in June. Fine chance in this grade

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unt Alex Corretja in the Ausin Melbourne RICHARD EDMONDSO tralian Open yesterday, costing the men's tournament another of its biggest names. MB: High In The Com

Ruud, without a tournament title in seven years as a professional, disposed of the world No 3 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 on a windy outside court at Melhourne Park. The third seed, Pat Rafter, the biggest name left in the men's draw, hit form, however, to remain on course for a replay of the US Open final against his compatriot, Mark Philippoussis,

in the fourth round. Rafter rushed to a 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 win over Mark Woodforde. another Australian, while the hig-serving Philippoussis earlier saw off the American in Melbourne

beating the 1989 French Open champion 7-6, 2-6, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5. The loss of Corretis in the second round means the tournament is without the top three men in the game, after Pete Sampras's decision to miss the season-opening Grand Slam and the late withdrawal of world No 2 Marcelo Rios with a back injury.

"I don't have to be disappointed because I played really well in the last couple of months," Corretja said. "It's just a pity it happened here be-

cause it's a Grand Slam." The Spaniard, the French Open runner-up, never looked

Michael Chang, the 14th seed comfortable against the ag-Wayward Smith loses Williams her great opportunity

BRITAIN'S INTEREST in the women's singles ended at the she said. "I never thought I was Australian Open yesterday going to lose, hut I missed so when Samantha Smith lost her many open court shots. second-round match to the Australian Nicole Pratt 6-4, 6-4 - after

leading 4-2 in the opening set. Smith beat Pratt 6-3, 6-1 at the US Open two years ago and made another fine start. But she then lost four games in a row to be a set down and lost her serve

again at 4-4 in the second. points the 27-year-old Essex player volleyed over the baseline with the whole court at her mercy and Pratt, ranked 102nd yet another forehand flew out. "I'm really disappointed,"

many open court shots. There was more disappointment for British fans in a record crowd when the doubles pair Neil Broad and Andrew Richardson lost in straight sets in the first round to France's Olivier Delaitre and Fabrice Santoro. The seventh seeds won 6-7, 6-3, 6-3.

In the women's doubles After saving two match Britain's Julie Pullin teamed up with the Czech Republic's Eva Melicharova, but they had the misfortune to meet Martina Hingis and Anna Kournikova. against Smith's 64th, won when Predictably, they lost 6-3, 6-0 to the No 3 seeds.

gressive Norwegian, who was happy to rely on his whippy forehand and play from well be-hind the baseline to take advantage of a swirling wind.

Corretja's loss was another blow for Spain, which now sends an armada of players to Melbourne each year but saw 10 of its best players sink without trace on Tuesday. "It was not that had [for Spain] ... It was terrible," Corretja said. Ruud, 26, is better known on the lesser Challenger circuit and has a string of Grand Slam first and second round exits next to his name stretching back to 1992.

Rafter, the 1995 champion Andre Agassi and Tim Henman are the main contenders left in what is being referred to as the "most open" Open in years.

Agassi faces a clear run to the semi-finals, but Rafter has the toughest road ahead and must survive against the inform Swede Thomas Enqvist in the next round before he can face Philippoussis. Then he would have a likely quarter-final against Henman In the women's singles, the

world No 1 Lindsay Davenport crushed Argentina's Florencia Labat 6-2, 6-1 without quite hitting her best form. The seeds a major drugs problem. Jana Novotna, Conchita Martinez, Dominique van Roost and Natasha Zvereva also advanced.

The fifth seed, Venus Williams, was in similarly aggressive form, reeling off 11 games in a row to crush Sweden's Asa Carisson 6-2, 6-1.

The Swiss eighth seed, Patty Schoyder, was the highestranked woman to be knocked out when she lost 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 to the Frenchwoman Amelie

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Mark Philipponssis stretches for the ball during his five-set victory over Michael Chang at the Anstralian Open in Melbourne yesterday

Officials deny Courier's drug claims

BRIAN TOBIN, the president of BY JULIAN LINDEN the International Tennis Federation, has denied claims by Jim Courier that the sport faces

The defending Australian Open champion, Petr Korda, is at the centre of a drugs controversy, having tested positive to the steroid nandrolone at Wimhledon last year, Courier said he suspects some players are using banned substances such as erythropoletin, or EPO.

"I cannot accept the fact that tennis has been killed or damaged by cheating and drugs because it's very isolated." Tobin said at the Australian Open yesterday.

"The point we are trying to make here is the sport itself is not rotten. It's not as if we have suddenly uncovered a whole cache of dopers. It's not like cycling or football. We've been testing now for 10 years and I can only remember six or seven positive cases out of more than 1,000 each year."

The women's world No 1, Lindsay Davenport, also weighed into the controversy, admitting she was suspicious of the "superhuman" efforts of some players on the men's tour, and saying that she in my view, was not helpful, not agreed with Courier She made accurate, not a fair characteri-

the kind of speech Tobin had been trying to prevent, confessing to not knowing the difference between a number of different performance-enhancing substances, then offering opinions about them. "I don't know the difference between blood doping and

trying to learn about it." Mark Miles, the chief executive officer of the men's ATP Tour, said Courier's claims were both inaccurate and dam-

steroids," she said. "I'm still

aging to the sport's image. 'Tve read and heard a lot this week - not just from Jim - that,

sation of the sport or the (antidoping) programme and based on misunderstanding, lack of information or disregard for the facts," Miles said.

"We are not going to muzzle players and say: 'Don't make any comment... Personally, I think it is inappropriate for players to cast a cloud over the reputation of their sport without any substantiation."

Under ITF regulations Korda should have been suspended for a year, but escaped with a fine after an independent appeals committee in December upheld the player's claim that exceptional circumstances were involved.

appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne over the leniency of Korda's penalty, hut the player's lawyers last week went to the High Court in London to challenge the ITF's right to appeal.

The saga has upset some of the sport's leading players, who have hlamed the ITF and ATP for allowing Korda to continue playing and giving the wrong message about

drug-taking. A former world No 1. John McEnroe, said. "I don't think that is the type of example that we need to start. Frankly, they have to crack down."

LINGFIELD

1.00 Sammy's Shuffle 1.30 Star Turn 2.00 Mister Raider 2.30 Grasslandik 3.00 Admirals Place 3.30 Topton 4.00 DOUBLE FLIGHT (nap)

GOING: Stand STALLS: 51 & 1m - outside, rememder - inside. ORAW ADVANTAGE: Low best up to 1m, especially 61 races. Left-hand course

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■ Course is SE of fown on B2028. Lingfield station (served by London: Victoria) adjoins course. ADMISSION: One enclosure Dio CAFI PARKE Club S3; remainder free.
■ LEADING TRAINSTRS. G1. Moore 53-639 (13%), in Hannon 47-386 (128%), in Johnston 45-364 (17%), Miss G (Kelloway 42-299 (14%), ILLEADING JOCKEYS: A Clark 72-589 (122%), J Weaver 68-307

ELECTIVIS JUNEAU SA CARY 72-089 (122%), 3 Weaver 63-30 (22%), 1 Weaver 63-30 (23%), 5 Whiterest 52-376 (33%), 7 ANCERED FIRST TIME: Morry Prince (100), Meradi (visored, 100), LOVE DETAINE THAT Lady Caroline (230), Eleanor Rigby (300), Love Academy (330), earl 270 miles.

1.00 WILSON HANDICAP (F) (DIV I) £2,750 added 1m 2f

FORM VERDICT This return to a mile and a quarter should be ideal for SAM-MY'S SHUFFLE, who has been in good form here the winter. His lettest narrow defeat by Fields Of Omegin over Imet got a boost when that rival defied a 5th higher mark here last Saturday, and there are doubts about a lot of his mats. Maradi and Lilanita, who have been running wall this winter without winning, are the obvious dangers. 1.30 WILSON HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV II) 52,750 added 1m 21

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~ 10 declared ~ BETTING: 11-4 Ster Ram, 3-1 Headcabill Henry, 9-2 Hervey White, 7-1 Whotever's Flight, 6-1 Sortone, 10-1 Affailmedo, Castle Ashby Jack, 20 others FORM VERDICT

Not much strength in depth here and hard to look beyond the front three in the betting, who have all been in good form here. HAWKSBILL HENETY just gets the nod ahead of Star

2.00 GLADSTONE CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £3,500 added 1m

FORM VERDICT

There are huge question marks about most of these, not least Zimiri, who would wice the floor with the occosition if near his best. But given his overall and recent record, he is just as Blook to finish last as first, in a race that should have a ourter's wealth warning, SQUARE MILE MISS seems mon ly than most to run her race and that may well suffice.

2.30 CHARITY RACEDAYS AT LINGFIELD

HANDICAP (E) £3,500 added 3YO 5f 16020- AA-YOUKINOWINO(14MG (159) (D) Mer J Craze 8.7 .S Webster 4 2026- LADY CAROUNE (23) (C) (BF) M Johnston 9.2 ... J Farming 8

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Minimum wolght 7st 10tb. True handicap wolght: Credenze 1st 9tb BETTING: 9-4 Gresslandik, 11-4 Lady Caroline, 13-2 Thornaby Girl, Kayo Gee, 7-1 Oh I Say, 10-1 Doily Day Dream, 12-1 Avendale Girl, 14-1 Au-

Youknowsothing, 16-1 Credenza FORM VERDICT

This C&D brought out the best in KAYO GEE last time and, from the plum draw againt, she could be hard to ped back. She may have most to fear from Grasslandik, who looks the type who could make further improvement and reverse re-

3.00 DISRAELI MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) 25,250 added 3YO 7f

- 7 declared -BETTING: 9-4 Legend Fells, 11-4 Admirals Place, 4-1 Grand Coronet, 5-1 Eleanor Rigby, 16-1 Distant Bolls, 20-1 Billichang

FORM VERDICT

Although Legend Falls has the best form, it is not cortain she will reproduce it under these conditions. GRAND CORO-NET, however, left the impression when third here last week that she would appreciate this furlong shorter trip and she may be able to make that experience of the surface tell.

3.30 LINGFIELD PARK GOLF CLUB HAND-ICAP (CLASS D) £5,250 added 7f

SSIR (30) (CD) (BF) G.L Moore 587 F No

6100-3 SUITE FACTORS (7) (D) K Burks 5 7 10Date Gibson 3 = 8 declared = Minimum sreight 7st 10th. True handcap weight Suite Factors 7st 9th. BETTING: 11-4 Ministraset, 3-1 Love Academy, 100-30 Topton, 7-1 Butch-to, Twin Creeks, 8-1 Suite Factors, 10-1 Robo Megic, 25-1 Sharp Peerl

FORM VERDICT

It has been it surprisingly long wrat to see MUTABASSIR back here (the was belieted out of the Ladbroke AW Fina), but he tooked such a natural when torting up over C&D in Novem-ber that he can overcome today's much higher mark. Love Academy and Topton have also taken large weight rises but still look the most likely dangers.

4.00 THATCHER CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS F) £2,750 added 1m 4f

65/3-4 DOUBLE FLIGHT (14) Miss 8 Sanders 5 8 fl. A Clark 7

- 11 declared -BETTING: 7-2 Double Flight, Such Boldness, 4-1 Artic Courie; 7-1 Chebrol, 8-1 Bapetons, 9-1 Hoydn James, 12-1 Mahandis, 16-1 others

FORM VERDICT SUCH BOLDNESS looks the safe call in a race where most

are hard to fancy for one reason or another. Consistent and in too form, he looks tayoured by the weights and could be bugh to peg back if able to kick for home off the final bend.

3.40 TELFORD NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 4f

21-12 FAMEARON (24) (D) (EIP) G Exertion () 11 11 A McCarth

BETTING: 11-10 Fanfaron, 11-4 High in The Clouds, 4-1 Legal Right, 14-1 Joint, 20-1 Musseust, 25-1 Hope Thatch, 33-1 others

FORM VERDICT

Only two can be seriously considered here, and as Fanfaron is likely to be very short, the value may well lie with Henry Daily's HIGH IN THE CLOUDS. Formerly a useful hurdler, he

jumped well on his chase debut last month.

Sorry Ponting admits drink is a problem

THE AUSTRALIAN Test player Ricky Ponting yesterday admitted he has a drink problem

of conduct. Ponting, who had a black left

"I feel I have let a lot of peo-

had "overstepped the mark a couple of times now". said he would seek counselling and promised to come hack 'squeaky clean".

after being dropped from the one-day team because of an in- Hobart in the Carlton & Unitcident in a Sydney nightclub.

The Australian Cricket Board's chief executive. Malcolm Speed, said the altercation in which Ponting was reportedly knocked out, was still being investigated and he expected the player would be charged under the ACB's code

eye, said he had no recollection of the incident, which occurred in a club in the King's Cross area of the city during the early hours of Monday morning, following Australia's loss to Eng-Ground. He said the next thing he remembered was being in the team's hotel.

ple down, particularly my teammates and family and Tasmanian and Australian cricket," Ponting said. "I'm very embarrassed. On occasions I drink too much and get myself into situations I don't intend to be in."

Ponting, who admitted he

Although Ponting has been ers were involved.

CRICKET

excluded from the Australia side to face Sri Lanka today in ed series, Speed said it was intended that he would remain suspended until the investigation and any code of conduct hearing was finalised.

Speed said the ACB had the power to fine or suspend players whose conduct hrought the game into disrepute or who engaged in acts of misconduct.

It is the second time the 24year-old Tasmanian has been disciplined for an off-the-field incident Last March he was fined a "substantial amount" by the Australian team management because of an incident in land at the Sydney Cricket a Calcutta nightclub after the second Test against India.

Speed said the Australian team management had discussed the incideot and were satisfied there was a clear breach of the team's rules relating to discipline and drinking.

The Australian side's general rule is that a 1.30am curfew is imposed after day-night matches, and midnight on other nights, and that at all times drinking should be moderate and players well-behaved. Speed said he hoped the code of conduct hearing would be held early next week. Ponting said no other Australian play-

Small to retire after 20th county season

GLADSTONE SMALL is to retire heavy overnight rain. Water at the end of this year's Champ- had seeped under the covers ionship season, his 20th in the and left large tracts of the outcounty game.

ture during a recent visit to Aus- cast, there is some doubt about tralia. "I have decided to give

something to offer on the field." Small, who played in 17 Tests wickshire's marketing department next winter

washed out yesterday after India

field under water. With a high Small, 37, considered his fu- water table and more rain forethe play today.

it one last go," the Warwickshire The Wisden Cricket Monthbowler said. "I still feel I have by Man of the Month award has gone to England's "Barmy Army" of fans on the tour to for England, is expected to Australia. The magazine's prize take up a full-time post in War- has been renamed "Mob of the Month" in their honour.

A Hindu militant tried to im-The first day of the England molate himself in Madras yes-A side's four-day match against terday to protest at the planned Mashonaland in Harare was series between Pakistan and

LUDLOW

1.10 Father Krismas 1.40 Tylo Steamer 2.10 Knightsbridge Scot 2.40 Rockforce 3.10 Lady Of Gortmerron 3.40 Legal Right 4.10 Cnunt Campioni

OOING: Chase course: Good to Soft, Soft in places. Hurdle course: Soft, Good to Soft in places. ■ Right-hand course. Chase course has sharp bends. Course is NW of lown off A49 Ludlow station 2m. ADMISSION: Club £14; Tettersale £10 (OAPs receive £2 retreshment voucher); Course SS. Accompanied under ISs free. CAR PARK: Free.

LEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 25-95 (26.3%), O Nicholson 22-59 (373%), K Balley 19-82 (232%), N Henderson 13-30 (433%).

ILLEADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 23-83 (277%), R Johnson 22-108 (20,4%), A Maguire 15-76 (21,1%), R Dunwoody 14-54 (25,9%). ■ FAVOURITES: 196-474 (39.2%). BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Two Bills (140).

1.10 MARSHBROOK MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,250 added 2m

B ERICLIANT STAR (NZ) (21) S Brookshar 7 tl 8 S Wynne
36 CRICKETING (70) T Gaorge 7 tl 8 T Jensku
JENNY'S CHARMER (F901) H Mobby 6 tl 8 ... O McPhall (5)
8 METRATO (GER) (100) F Wegmann 5 tl 8 ... O Methans
O PERLOUS PLIGHT (F51) A Street 8 tl 8 T Eley
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0000 SCHOLAR GREEN (367) G Yardey 7 tl 8 V Sintany

- 17 declared BETTING: 7-4 Father Krisman, 11-4 Rocabee, 7-2 The Leader, 6-1 Brillerd Star, 16-1 Miletrato, 20-1 Floras Tower, 25-1 Cricksteg, 33-1 others

FORM VERDICT FATHER KRISMAS is the logical choice in what is probably an ordinary race, having shaped with promase on his first al-tempt over hurdles. Although conditions are likely to be quite

testing, his pace could be the deciding factor against staying types the The Leader and Rocabee.

1.40 NEENTON SELLING HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS G) £2,000 added 2m

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BETTING: 3-5 7 (55) Stemmer, 11-2 Commer's Crott, 7-1 High Lone, 8-1 Dicates-stone, 10-1 Galloping Guns, Tramendisto, 12-1 Irish Sea, 14-1 others

FORM VERDICT This looks a fine opportunity for CONNEL'S CROFT. He has improved in his last two naces and looks well treated on his lasts two naces and looks well treated on his lasts third here - Coay Ride, withdrawn overnight, finished 4th behind in 18th but was set to reoppose or 35 worse terms. Tylo Steemer and High Low are the pick of the opposition.

2.10 ANNUAL MEMBERS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) 25,000 added 3m

FORM VERDICT With the Graham McCourt string in reasonable form, NO FID-DLING is taken to supplement his recent Taumon success, although there has to be a slight doubt that he will repeat that effort as this is his second run back after a long lay-off. Kniightsbridge Scot is a clear danger.

2.40 LONGMYND NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m

FORM VERDICT Rockforce is highly regarded and will probably win, but back

ing addison favourities in navice chees under that an work ground is the way to the poor house. Consequently, it could be worth chancing Robert Alner's BALLYBAY, from well out of the handicup especially as there are eight runners and he will start at an each-way price.

3.10 WELSHPOOL HANDICAP HURDLE (E) £3,500 added 3m 2f 110yds

Set 7fb, Westcoast 9st 3fb, One More Dime 8st 9fb.

BETTING; 9-4 Lidy Of Gortmerron, 9-2 Rivertank Rose, 6-1 Tity, 16-1 Scoundrel, 19-1 Foodbroker Star, Top On Tootale, 14-1 others FORM VERDICT

This should be a thorough test of stemine, with TILTY, Carmel's Joy and What Jim Wants all suited by forcing tactics. The topweight's recent form looks solid and he is just preferred

4.10 BORDER INTERMEDIATE NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (H) £1,750 2m COUNT CAMPION (59) (CD) Mis J Pliman 5 Ti 11 Mr T Gloney (7)

PRINCE OF TROY G Ham 5 tl 4...... Mr C Ree SOME OPERATOR N Treston-Daves 5 11 4 Suthern (7)
THE GANGER VAT Mas K Maris 8 11 4 Guy Loute (3)
0 THE UGLY GUNNER (13) O McCan 6 11 4 A C Coyle (5)

VILLIAN H Mobiley 4 10 1-----...... O MicPhail (5) BETTING: 7-4 Count Campioni, 9-4 Simber Hill, 5-1 Some Operator, 9-1 ton Nic, 12-1 Handyman, 20-1 Jackson Coort, Navron, 25-1 others

FORM VERDICT

The two previous winners, Count Campioni and Simber Hill, wit make the market, but BARTON NIC showed enough on his debut to suggest he can win a race of this nature, and he receives plenty of weight.

FA Cup focus: A former Tottenham man can improve career prospects by plotting Arsenal's demise

Lee winning the mind game

BY PHIL SHAW

FOR A man steeped in the so-called Tottenham way, having played alongside Hoddle, Ardiles and Perryman in their pomp, Colin Lee car-

ries a dark secret. Long before he sported White Hart Lane's cockerel crest, he wore the cannon of their fiercest rivals.

On Sunday, Lee's Wolverhampton Wanderers side will try to break Arsenal's hold on the FA Cup in the fourth round at Molineux. As well as giving the First Division club a chance to avenge last year's semi-final defeat by the eventual Double winners, the tie has stirred memories for their manager of his previously undocumented "career" as a Gunner.

Now 42 and in charge of Wolves since the autumn departure of Mark McGtree, Lee was a 16-year-old centre-forward with Bristol City when Arsenal asked whether they could borrow him to play in a youth tournament in Madrid. Frank Stapleton had broken an arm, so Lee made the trip.

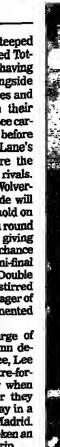
"I did all right," tie recalls. "We got to the semis before losing after having two lads seot off hy a diabolical referee. Before one game we watched bullfighting on television, Liam Brady was like a matador with the ball that night - no-one could get it off him. Glenn Hoddle was the best player I ever played with, without doubt, hut Brady was close."

When Lee did arrive in north London, it was with Spurs. Amid the drama of his debut, when he scored four times in a 9-0 rout of Bristol Rovers; the Highbury connection was overlooked. "I kept it quiet!" he laughs.

In a sense Lee has come full circle since his Spanish adventure. For he is again holding the fort, having been told that the position will be reviewed at the end of the season. This time, however, he is oo mere understudy. Should he guide Wolves into the play-offs, let alone the Premiership, the joh would

surely be his for the taking. The reluctance of the chairman-owner, Sir Jack Hayward, in March but Elton John sold up rary in a way." to commit himself more fully to that summer and I ended up Lee probably owes more to a having to sell the best players. determination not to be stuck. The next season started badly with another lame duck than to and the new owner wanted his any doubts about his ability. The own man in, so I was out by former No 2 has made a rea- November. With hindsight, it sonably persuasive start, his 13 came too early for me. I don't games producing six wins and know how quickly Sir Jack

pares favourably with Mcwhich were won, and with Lee's management. After adding Chelsea and Brentford to his



Eyes on the prize: Colin Lee casts envious eyes around the trophy room at Molineux and hopes he can play a part in reviving the good old days

playing portfolio, he was coach- be taken oo permanently? "No. ing with Watford in 1990 when but I do think I'm under preshe was thrust into the void left hy Steve Harrison's sacking.

"It was a time of great upheaval at the club. I took over thinks we can turn it round here. His record certainly com- He hasn't told me we have to get up this season. I think he re-Ghee's last 13, only two of alises we had a mountain to climb. When Mark left we were own unhappy introduction to immid-table, so it was a difficult situation to pick up on."

sure. I've got so many games to get so many results, and try to earn the security of a contract. But all managers are tempo-

crockery-throwing histrionics of

tapes of Bill Shankly and is

fascinated by the process of

subtle but constant evolution

most influential was John Neal at Chelsea, "a man of few words, hut when he said something it carried real authority".

Intriguingly, given the imminent arrival of Arsenal, George Graham is the con-

Lee characterises himself as temporary Lee most admires,

insists the change was forced on him by injury, illness and out-going transfers. "The squad today is arguably not as good as when Arsenal heat us (1-0) in the semi-final because we've had to let a lot of people go.

'I don't know how quickly Sir Jack thinks we can turn it round here. I think he realises that we have a mountain to climb'

"a thinker"; not for him the for his "disciplined approach and the way he motivates playsome managers. He listens to ers". He detects similar attributes in John Gregory. Wolves-watchers view Lee's switch from three at the back mitment. If Arsenal play as the great Scot instituted at Liv- to a four as an attempt to im-Was be disappointed not to erpool. Of those he served, the pose his style on the team. He

"We've lost Steve Froggatt, Dougie Freedman, Don Goodman, Robbie Slater and Steve Claridge since then, plus Steve Bull with a knee problem. But we've got great spirit and comwell as they can, they'll get through, no doubt about it, be-

But it could be one of those days when it doesn't quite happen for them. They might come here not expecting such a hard game, knowing they've beaten us recently. Then again, they got such a shock against Preston that I think that's unlikely."

Rather than go to Deepdale, Lee watched Wolves' reserves. He then passed up the chance to see Arsenal play Liverpool in order to assess Watford ahead of last weekend's game at Molineux. Promotion, It seems, holds a higher priority than giant-killing glory. "Definitely." he says. "The Cup will come and go. The League goes on until the end."

Wolves' prospects on both fronts have received a timely

cause they've got better players. boost with Lee's first major signing, Haavard Flo. The Norwegian striker has the aerial power to provide an ideal foil for the ground-level wiles of Robbie Keane, the Irish prodigy reputedly coveted by Arsène Wenger

Before paying Werder Bremen £700,000 for Flo, Lee could be judged only on his organisational and tactical prowess. Perhaps now, with Sir Jack's purse strings loosened, he will feel less like a caretaker

"I've been so focused on the team and the need to get results that it hasn't quite sunk in yet that I'm actually the manager of Wolves," he reflects. For Arsenal's erstwhile teenage temp, Sunday should bring it home

Illustrated History of the FA

Cup was reissued yesterday in

an undated edition. He said: "To

have dispensed with replays

would have damaged the fabric

of this year's competition in a re-

like we had at the Vetch last

week. With such a prestigious

competition it should be too

much to ask to find space for re-

of the competition."

Collymore 6 frustrated at fringe status

BY TOMMY STANIFORTH

STAN COLLYMORE, Aston Vilia's record signing, has spelt out his disappointment at having only a "bit part" to play in manager John Gregory's current plans. The £7m signing from Liverpool is concerned that his "peripheral" role is wrecking his chances of resurrecting his England career.

Gregory said last week that Collymore was "winning me over" with his attitude and commitment despite being unable to dislodge the Dion Dublin-Julian Joachim striking partnership. But that is little consolation to Collymore, who believes tre deserves a place in the starting line-up at what he feels is the peak time of his ca-

Collymore enjoyed a rich vein of form in the pre-Christmas period but his sending-off against Liverpool and a subsequent injury have cost him his place in the starting line-up.

"Tve scored twice in the last four games and even in the times when I've come on as a substitute I have made a difference." Collymore said. "Seven goals in nine full appearances would be enough to get into a lot of sides. I have looked at the statistics for the various partnerships and when I've played with Dion Dublin he has scored goals and, when I've played with Julian Joachim. so has he.

"It's down to the manager because be picks the team but it is very disappointing for me at the moment not to be getting into the side when I feel I'm playing well enough to warrant a place and to be influential. It's a case of having to deal with it. I've done nothing wrong and I can't see what more I am expected to do.

"The disappointing thing for me is that by being overlooked week in and week out means it is becoming more and more obvious that I am a peripheral figure - and I've never been that in my career That is something. if the situation goes on, that I will have to look at. It is making me take a step back in the England reckoning.

"Glenn Hoddle was at the Everton game on Monday but . it doesn't matter if I'm sitting on. the bench.

Middlesbrough yesterday confirmed the career of their Italian striker Marco Branca is over. The former Internazionale player has made just one appearance as a substitute for the Teesside club this season after damaging a knee in April last year, and has been back in his own country battling for fitness since the summer. Boro admitted yesterday that he will not return to Premiership football.

John Hartson has vowed to return to his aggressive old ways in a hid to recapture his best form. The £7.5m striker is hoping that his move to Wimtiledon to will put his career back on track after a poor first half to this season.

Hartson believes a get-tough policy is the right way for him to re-establish himself as one of the best frontmen in the Premiership.

The majority of clubs will also welcome the news. John "Now I'm at Wimbledon, I Hollins, the manager of Swansea want to get back to my best, City who knocked West Harn out putting myself about," the 23year-old former West Ham play last week, said: "It's a fair striker said. "I think that in the decision. I think every team past, when I was getting booked { should get a chance to play at a lot and I was flying around, their own ground. It gives clubs that was when I was playing at the chance to experience a night my best. When I haven't been putting myself about, I haven't been at my best because I'm not the same player. Aggression is a big part of my game and I'm not going to lose that."

Wales will, after all, have the chance to play Denmark in Cardiff. The last obstacle has been removed to Wales' desire to switch the European Championship match with the Danes on 9 June from Antield to Ninian Park.

The Danish Football Association has confirmed that it is very unlikely to raise any objections to the change. Stjerne Hansen, the Danish FA's general secretary said: "If Wales want to play the match in Wales, there's not much we can do to stop them."

CE HOCK

The Fifa Fair Play prize for 1998 has been awarded jointly to the national associations of Iran, the United States and Northern Ireland

Sepp Blatter, the president of the world sport's governing hody, said the joint-award was proof of football's role as a mediating force.

The Fifa Fair Play prize for France 98, jointly won by England and France, will also be presented at a gala evening in Barcelona on 1 February.

Compromise by Wilkinson

HOWARD WILKINSON has ruled out 28 first-choice players from his plans for the forthcoming world under-20 tournament in Nigeria to ward off expected opposition from clubs.

The Football Association's technical director held a meeting with the Premier League and the Football League last Friday before issuing a guarantee that any player involved regularly in first-team football would not be picked. So out of the list of 66 eligible players drawn up by Wilkinson, almost half will not be selected for the mid-season tournament in April.

The squad has not yet been announced trut the likes of

TOMORROW

BY MARK BRADLEY

Alan Smith, Jonathan Woodgate, Jody Morris, Joe Cole and Wes Brown will now almost certainly not have to miss vital endof-season domestic games.

Even though England will now be sending virtually a shadow 18-man squad, Wilkinson accepts that some managers may still object to the inclusion of certain players.

But the former Leeds manager, who outlined his exclusion criteria as being "players involved with a first-team squad on a week to week basis", said yesterday: "I have gone as far as I can and now we have to work Michael Owen, Gareth Barry, through it. I have a reasonable

rapport with most managers. I think the solution is as ideal as it can be. It would have been an exercise in futility to start a war concerning the release of first-

Wilkinson said he had already received backing for his policy from two Premiership managers, while another was actually in favour of one of his players going.
Wilkinson accepts the de-

mands on players are difficult, but also believes that the success of Kieron Dyer in the last tournament, in Malaysia, proves that those who are not trousehold names can benefit. Although Nigeria is a volatile rights abuses, there is no question of England unilaterally pulling out of a tournament which also involves the likes of Germany, the United States, Australia and Spain. "Along with the other Euro-

pean countries and America, we have sought assurances from Fifa (the sport's world governing body] as to any concerns we have and if these are given then we will go' Wilkinson said.

England's standing in international football - and their chances of hosting the 2006 World Cup - would certainly be burt if they unilaterally pulled out from what is seen by Wilkinson as the second most prestigious country with a history of burnan international competition.

THE FOOTBALL Association to be continued. The move was yesterday repelled the latest assault on the integrity of FA Cup when it rejected a proposal to dispense with replays, writes Glenn Moore.

The suggestion followed next season's expansion of the Champions' League which could cause fixture congestion for clubs progressing in both competitions But the Challenge Cup com-

mittee decided the interests of less than a handful of teams should not be allowed to overrule those of the 550-plus who enter the 127-year-old trophy. However, the anomaly created by this year's decision to

complete the final on the day is

largely prompted by a possible fixture clash with the European Cup final even though it is a problem which could only occur if Manchester United reach

FA Cup keeps replays

the FA Cup final on May 22 and the European final oo May 26. An FA spokesman stressed that this decision was also due to the sense of anticlimax experienced by fans attending the

final at not seeing a result. Critics argue that the retention of a final replay would benefit fans since more genuine supporters are able to attend such games. The decision to retain replays for the rest of the com-

petition was applauded hy Bryon Butler, whose Official

off bankruptcy

import of foreign players be- PORTSMOUTH MAY be struggling, but they live to fight another day after avoiding a

> huilt a stand at the club's ground was paid a long-standing deht owed by Pompey's holding company. Try Build, the specialist and maintenance division of Try Group PLC, received £430,000 at the Companies Court Division of the High Court, which finally ended the dispute that had been ongoing since May of last year. The 4,500 seat stand was finished by the Uxbridge-based firm in October 1997.

Richard Barraclough, the Try Group company secretary,

had originally been for £435,000. The Football Association of Ireland yesterday announced plans to huild a 45,000 capacity international stadium in south-west Dublin. It is estimated the stadium will cost £57,000 to huild.

The stadium, which will be called The Arena, will have a re-

playing for Sheffield Wednesday and his own son is an Owls supporter, but Gary Megson is hoping the home side will be knocked out of the

He followed in his

father's footsteps by

FA Cup at Hillsborough on Saturday. Stockport County's manager talks to Guy Hodgson

Negri wastes West Ham chance Pompey stave MARCO NEGRI may have ended arrange a fee with his French midfielder Taribo West to St venting the emergence of

his chances of joining West Ham in a move from Rangers, writes Alan Nixon. The Italian striker had a poor game against Third Division Barnet in a specially arranged private match at they have been offered. the club's training ground yesterday morning.

bles at Rangers, but the West Ham manager, Harry Redknapp, was unimpressed by his contribution. Negri was hardly in the game and his touch was rusty, to the dismay of manag-

er and prospective team-mates. Redkrapp will now only consider taking Negri on loan as he does not want to pay the asking fee for him that Rangers want. The West Ham manager is still working on a deal for the Cameroon midfielder Marc-Vivien Foe and Is trying to Internazionale and Nigeria European Leagues were pre-

club, Lens. He is likely to be cheered that a move for Liverpool's right-back Roh Jones is also close, although Liverpool want more than the £200,000

Rangers and Arsenal are also interested in Jones, but the Negri was starting for the first Hammers are the only club to time this season after his trou- have spoken to him so far and offer lucrative terms.

Redknapp has ruled out making an offer for the England midfielder Robert Lee because he refuses to pay £2m for a 32-yearold. "Don't get me wrong. I am a big fan of Robert Lee," Redknapp said. "Bnt Newcastle want money for Robert and he is 32, so it is not really on at £2m." Newcastle United are re-

maining tight-lipped over re-

ports that they have made a

£4m bid to bring the 24-year-old

man, Freddy Shepherd, and their chief executive, Freddie Fletcher, were out of the country yesterday as speculatioo mounted over a move. Newcastle's manager, Ruud Gullit, who had eight years as a player in Italy with Inter's

neighbours, Milan, and Sampdoria hefore moving to Chelsea, still has good contacts in the country and was on the verge of completing a £5m deal to sign West's team-mate Ibrahim Ba before a medical revealed a problem. But the Dutchman has repeatedly maintained that his dealings but they must work hard to on the transfer market will remain secret until the deal is

The Premier League has dismissed suggestions that top mier League is a fairly good

young domestic talent. The Italian coach, Dino Zoff,

James' Park. The club's chairurged Serie A clubs to stop the cause it was stopping young Italian players coming through the ranks. But Premier League spokesman Mike Lee insisted that the English top flight has got the balance between foreign imports and young domestic talent right.

"You always want to attract the best and the transfer market now for top clubs is a global one they are operating in," Lee said. "Clubs always want to buy the best that is available make sure the young players are very much a part of their future. Overall, we certainly think the balance in the Pre-

winding-up order yesterday.

A construction firm which

revealed a settlement was door according to the FAI.

reached late on Tuesday night. As a result, Try Build withdrew its winding-up petition against Blue Star Garages, parent company of Portsmouth Football Cluh, which was the guarantor for the payment. The petition

movahle, natural grass pitch and a retractable roof to accommodate sporting as well as cultural events, indoor and out-

INDEPENDENT,

Collymone Board batters at fringe Board batters England with BY TOMMY STANFORM SEAN COLLYMORE A Visia is record signing. As an other crisis and the control of the the piece and resident

ishment. The board's discipli-

nary committee will consider

any Twickenham response

before deciding on a sanction,

which is certain to be financial

because it would be tantamount

in suicide to expel the English

national team, the higgest

money-spinner in the game.

from Test competition within

nine months of a World Cup.

What happens then is anyone's

guess: the RFU, fed up to the

back teeth of being kicked

around by everyone else, may

well refuse to pay up and head

threatened to take civil action

against the RFU - yes, them

again - if any attempt is made

to obstruct the West Country

club's takeover of London Scot-

the proposal, but then they

could be landing themselves in

a legal wrangle," warned Mal-

colm Pearce, Bristol's million-

aire financier, who hatched the

Talking of which, Bristol have

for the courts instead.

Chair his Deripheral of ANOTHER THREAT, another reclaim to England of England of Fawlty-esque cock-England on the crisis, another opportunity for crisis, and crisis, and crisis for crisis for crisis, and crisis for crisis to distribute the show all mouth, no trousers, show all mouth, no trousers, oceans of scandal Having been oceans of scandal Having been bricked out of the Five Naoceans of statuted by briefly kicked out of the Five National in the process of statute of the process of the p But that the constraint of the ultimatums tions Changed the ultimatums ing one of the ultimatums ing one or the Dublin recently issued from the Dublin headquarters of the world headquarters headquarters of the world headquarters of the world headquarters hea headquarters of the partition of the par until tea-time today to meet a second, potentially more serious deadline.

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Bristol retain Dwyer

Under the IB's peculiarly buy-out idea as a means of cir-

BOB DWYER will shortly sign an extension to his contract with Bristol, the Allied Dunbar Premiership Two leaders, that : " see him remain as director by until the end of the 2001-02 season.

European competition law.

Dwyer will be responsible for the new enlarged squad of players when Bristol's huy-out of .-:: London Scottish is completed at the end of the season. He was -- director of rugby at Leicester Tigers before losing his job along with his assistant, Duncan Hall, last February.

Ulster have been allocated 28,000 tickets out of the 49,000 available for the European Rugby Cup final match with Colomiers at Lansdowne Road on Saturday week. Ulster were originally given a 20,000 ticket ailocation but that was increased because the Irish Rugby Football Union has been inundated

with ticket applications. The 49,000 crowd will be the biggest for a European Cup final, beating the 36,500 which watched Bath beat Brive at Bordeaux last year.

cumventing any move by the Premiership One clubs to leave RUGBY UNION BY CHRIS HEWETT his side in the wilderness next season. "If the RFU agree with convoluted approach to juany wacky scheme that exrisprudence, the RFU has been cludes us, they will have a thundering great legal battle on their hands. They are not too asked to suggest its own pun-

> I may even enjoy it." Solicitors representing both clubs met yesterday to finalise the London Scottish asking price and iron nut the small print. Meanwhile, Twickenham officials were still waiting for details of the takeover. "We can't come to a view about this until we have received the proper documentation," said a spokesman. 'As yet, we've received nothing at all. The clubs have until Friday to come up with the information we need, after which the issue will be properly considered."

good at those at the moment, so

One deal that appears to have no future at all is a ground-share arrangement between Bristol and Bath, which was floated by tish. 'The union could say no to Nick de Scossa, the Bristol chief executive, earlier this week. "There has been no serious discussion about sharing and we are not party to conjecture and speculation," said Bob Calleja, Bath's general manager, last night. Even so, Bath's long-term future at the Recreation Ground, their city centre site for more than a century is anything but secure. Club officials meet local councillors tomorrow in a renewed effort to win civic support for a radical overhaul of facilities at the Rec and another breakdown in talks will leave them searching for alternative accommodation.

> South Africa, the reigning world champions, yesterday suffered a personnel setback when Andrew Aitken, one of the most intelligent footballers of his generation, decided to retire at 30 to concentrate on a career



Britain's Colin McRae (right) and his co-driver, Nicky Grist, celebrate after finishing third in the Moote Carlo Rally yesterday

McRae delivers tonic to Ford

COLIN McRAE produced a tremendous finish to claim third-place in the Monte Carlo Rally yesterday.

The Scot scored a podium finish well ahead of schedule in his first outing in the Ford Focus, but his celebrations could prove to be short-lived. He has been racing under appeal after his car's water pump was deemed illegal hours before the start of the race,

McRae will lose the four points he collected while during the race if FIA, the sport's world governing body, rule the part is illegal at a hearing next month. If that is the case, he could miss the next two rallies while the pump is replaced.

RALLYING BY IAN GORDON

in Monte Carlo

"I'll he the victim if they take the points away from me hut I don't think it will come to that," McRae said, "I am sure they will get it sorted out in a reasonable way.

"It is all very technical and political, and at the end of the day it is Ford's mistake, but it doesn't give the car a performance advantage - It's just a water pump."

McRae, who equalled his highest placing in the event, added: "Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined

we'd be third in the first rally. This really is a tremendous result for the whole team.

"We weren't bluffing anyone beforehand. Even after our final test in Monte Carlo I didn't feel very confident about our chances, but part of that was me having to get used to a whole new car.

"The next rally is in Sweden, where you have to give it 100 per cent so we will learn a lot more about the car there. That's going to he hard, but then comes Kenya, where I think we can challenge strongly again.

Even if the appeal does go against them – and Ford insist the pump is legal - McRae has

immediately demonstrated the potential of the Focus, which many predicted would not win a point until mid-season. McRae finished 3min 16sec

behind the Mitsubishi of the defending world champion, Tommi Makinen of Finland, with another Finn, Juha Kankkunen, 1:44 behind in second place. But the Scot clocked four fastest times on the special stages as he showed why Ford paid a reported 66million to lure him from Subaru.

He was briefly in trouble on the opening stage, which he started in fourth overall, when the car developed drive-shaft trouble, losing him over a minute before the problem was fixed.

But McRae established a 20-second cushion on the next stage, which he protected on the two timed sections in the mountains above Monte Carlo.

Oxford's Richard Burns, in a

Subaru, finished ninth - nearly

nine-and-a-half-minutes behind his former team-mate Makinen. This year's title looks destined to head Makinen's way for a fourth consecutive time, as he claimed his team's fifth win in a row, four of them

through him. "It's about time a Finn won in Monte Carlo," he said, ending a 13-year drought for his country. "It's a great feeling, especially as the conditions were

Schulz confident of landing Tyson fight |Els looking 'unbeatable' 10,000

WHETHER Mike Tyson's next ring opponent is Axel Schulz will be decided oo Monday at - - - the latest, the German fighter's promoter said yesterday.

She wtime Pay TV will need a short by then if the fight is to be staged as expected in Las - Vegas on 24 April, according to Wilfried Sauerland, who added that a deal could be struck today when representatives of the Tyson and Schulz camps meet in New York.

Although the blonde Ger-- ... man, the loser of three title BOXING

fights, has been the leading candidate mentioned for Tyson's next outing, other names are also still under consideration like Vaughn Bean and Lou Savarese. But Schulz himself is convinced the fight is a done deal. He is also confident about his chances after watching Tyson struggle to shake off ring-rust in his victory over François Botha on Saturday.

"That's not the old Tyson.

forward for me - I'm expecting camp had demanded more the vacant European title last that I'll win against Tyson," Schulz said on German TV.

A press release from Sauerland's promotion company also suggested that Tyson's camp was having second thoughts about Schulz as an opponent after the Botha fight. Apparently the 30-year-old German. with a record of 24 wins and four defeats in 29 fights including controversial title losses to both Botha and George Foreman, may now be regarded as form recently, defeating the deserves a second chance

tapes of Schulz to study the pro- mooth. In September he demoter said. Schulz would earn fended his British and Comat least a \$2m [£1.2m] purse for monwealth helts against the fight, his promoters said, with both sides close to agreeing on the exact amount.

target for the British, Commonwealth and European bantamweight champion, Paul Lloyd, who has teamed up with the promoter Frank Warren.

Lloyd has been in impressive This fight will be a big step too tough an opponent. Tyson's Frenchman Luigi Mancini for

Scotland's Drew Docherty. Warren hailed Lloyd's sig-

nature, saying: "Tm delighted A world title shot is the to have Paul on our books and will be looking at world title opportunities in the near future. Paul is a class act who has shown great determination to bounce back from his world title defeat last year. He definitely when the time is right,"

THE HONEYMOON is likely to continue for newly-married Ernie Els as he seeks to become the first player in more than 20 years to defend his South African Open title when the tournament begins today in Stellenbosch.

Still flushed from clinching his third Alfred Dunhill PGA title by a comfortable four shots last week, the "Big Easy", as Els is known for his easy-going nature, is the overwhelming favourite to make it two in a row this weekend.

While rivals sweated their way round the par-71 course

yesterday. Els opted for a day on the beach. He is relaxed and confident, said his coach, Robert Baker, who reckons that on his current form the world No 5 looks unbeatable. Among the leading players attempting to bring Els' run of form to an end are Germany's Bernhard Langer, Ian Woosnam and Nick Faldo, who week and is keen to start collecting Ryder Cup points.

Laura Davies had a rollercoaster start to the season last week hut is full of confidence ahead of today's Naples LPGA Memorial in Florida. The former world No 1 bounced back from an opening 79 to shoot a course record 65 and finish inside the top 30 in the Healthsouth Inaugural in Orlando.

Among the full-strength field will be world No 1 Annika Sorenstam, making her final appearmissed the cut at Houghton last ance before a six-week break.

WORLD SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

-{Hopton-on-Sea, Norfolk; Third rounds.
-/M McMahon (Aus) bt.) Price (Mai) 3-77-6

-2-7-5-7-3; R Wasie (Mai) bt.) Greenstate
((Mai) 3-77-5-7-5; D Goutlay (Sco)
bt. N Kennedy (HK) 7-5 7-4-7-2; I Ross
-(In) bt.1 Taylor (Aus) 7-0 5-7 7-0 7-2.

FOOTBALL

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PRITURE ALTERATIONS: FA Cup thirdround replant Saturday 23 January:
Nots County v Sheffield Utd (postoned yesterdor, winners of home to
Cardif City on Wednesday 27 January).
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Section second round: Biesday 26 January:
Rochdale v Stoke. Southern Section quarter-fileal: Theeday 2
February: Bournemouth v Millwall. Nathomside Football Langue Second Divisions: Saturday 23 January:
Postpotted: Notts County v Macclesfield.
Sounday 28 March: Burnley v Macclesfield (from 27 March). Taird Division:
Restanday 26 January: Postponed:
Rothernam v Cardiff.

3 matches from 20 Jan; J Greening (Manchester Urd), S Cleanence (Rottenham) both 1 march from 20 Jan; T Shermsood (Blackburn) 2 matches from 23 Jan, Piwe cautions: A Smith (Leeds Urd) 1 match from 20 Jan; D Mills (Charlton), A Milelson (Jottenham), Mi Keowa (Arsena), A Forrer (Cheisca), P Babb (Liverpool), S Chetzle (Nottingham Forest) all 1 match from 23 Jan, Elgena caustions: O Dacourt (Everton), L Bowyer (Leeds Urd), A Hasiland (Leeds Urd) all 1 match from 23 Jan, Elevan caustions: None. Pootball League: Sendingsoff: A Wallers (Bernford) 1 match from 20 Jan; D Flowlers (Swindon), K Ryan (Mycombe), T Richards (Leyton Chern) all 1 match from 23 Jan; P Gray (Lucon) 3 matches from 23 Jan; Piwe caustions: M O'Comnor (Birmingham), G Brabla (Hull), S Fitzgerald (Millwall), P Devilin (Sheffield Utd), S Perry (Sheffield Utd), M Robbisson (Swindon), S Miscrabla (Macclesfield) all 1 match from 27 Jan. Eight Caustions: M Barron (Hartispool), G Tailon (Manchester (Shrewsbury), C Scott (Burnley), A Ramunell (Welsall), J Coustios (Wycombe) all 1 match from 25 Jan; D Wallerie (OPR) 1 match from 26 Jan, Elevan caustions: S Hosward (Hartispool) – being dealt with by an FA Commission doly in Manchester. Any suspension will commence 23 Jan.

ICE HOCKEY NHL: Tampa Bay 2 Buffalo 1: Ottawa 2 NY Rangers 1: Nashwile 4 Vancouver 1: Calgary 3 Detroit 1: Phoenb: 4 5t Louis 2: Colorado 5 Los Angeles 4.

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RALLYING

MONTE CARLO RALLY Final positions (after 14 timed special stages):

1 T Makinen (Fin) Milisubishi Lancer Sht
16min 50.6sec; 2 J Kanktunen (Fin) Subaru Impreza 5:18.35.3; 3 C McRae (GB)
Ford Focus 5:2D.D7.4, 4 D Auriol (Fr) Byota Corold 5:2D.43.4; 5 F Delecour (Fr)
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Kanktunen 6; 3 McRae 4; 4 Aurio 3: 5
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10pts; 2 Subaru 6; 3 Ford 4; 4 a Toyota.
SEAT 3.

SAILING A disappointing eighth in the quar-ter-finals of the Soling World Match Racing Championship in Melbourne by Andy Beadsworth and his crew Richard Sydenham and Barry Parkin ified in the three-man keel boat for the Olympic Games next year. SNOOKER

SPORTING DIGEST

SNOOKER

EMBASSY WORLD CHAMPTONISHIP
(Blackpool) Nitath qualifying rounds M
Holt (Eng) bt M Wilson (Eng) 10-7: D
McLellan (Sco) bt C Roper (Eng) 10-6: S
Ringham (Eng) bt J Wisson (Eng) 10-6: S
Bingham (Eng) bt A Burnett (Sco) 10-6. P Wallace (Nirl) bt G Thomson (Sco) 10-9: S McPullips (Sco) bt G Dunn (Sco) 10-9: S McGuite (Sco) bt M Fenton (Wal) 10-9: L Fernandez (Eng) bt N Robertson (NZ) 10-5: N Gilbert (Eng) bt E Barker (Eng) 10-9: M Johnston-Allen (Eng) bt A Rosa (Eng) 10-9: M Hull (Fin) bt S Mulphy (Iri) 10-4: B Hankerer (Be) bt A Rosa (Eng) 10-3: C Gilcreest (Iri) bt E Manning (Eng) 10-4.

SUMO

NEW YEAR GRAND TOURNAMENT
(Bityo) 11th day (of 15): Dewaarash)
(won 2, lost 6, absent from three rounds)
bt Asanosho (4-7): Chlyocenzan (8-3) bt
Hamanoshima (8-3): Ganyu (7-4) bt
Asahiyutaka (4-7): Mixotzumi (5-6) bt Tochnonada (6-5), Nyokushuzan (6-5) bt Oginshiki (5-6): Higonoumi (7-4) bt Walanoo
(5-6): Go)oto (8-5) bt Terao (5-6):
Kinkalyama (2-9) bt Tochinowaka (4-7):
Anglyama (3-8) bt Kaiho (5-6): Akinoshima (8-3) bt Shikishuma (6-5): Tosanoumi
(4-7) bt Tamakasuga (3-8): Kailo (5-6) bt
Takacoriki (5-6): Dejma (6-5) bt Kotonshiki (4-7): Kotonowaka
(6-5): Takanonami (5-6) bt bic (5-6): Ohycoaikai (10-1) bt Musashimaru (5-6):
Walanohana (11-0) bt Kotoryu (5-6):
Takanohana (7-4) bt Kotoryu (5-6):
Takanohana (7-4) bt Kotoryu (5-6):

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL 7.30 unless stated
FA LIMBERO TROPHY Tainel round: Colwyn Bay v Hednesford (7.45).
FA CARLSBERG VASE Fourth round:
Sudbury Wanderes v Garforth (7.45).
RYMAN LEAGUE Vandanel Trophy
third round: Abingdon Town v Egham;
Bansteed v Epsom v Ewell.
PONTINS LEAGUE Second Division:
Sheffield Und v Notes County (7.0). League
cap Group Fluer Coldman v Stoke (7.0).
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION
First Division: Crystal Palace v Glüngham.

BOWLS: World Indoor Singles Champ lonship fot Potters Leisure Resort, Hopton on-Sea, Norfolk). SMOOKER: Qualifying for Regal Scottish, Bruish Open, World Championship (at Mor-breck Castle Hotel, Blackpool), Nations Cup (at Telewest Areno, Newcastle).

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN (Melbourne)
Mea's singles, second round: K (KUCERA
(Slovak) bt D Sanguinent (Iti 7-5 6-1 6-4:
M Rosser (Swit) bt J Kinjopschild (Ger) 6-7-6 6-1 6-3: J Krango (LS) bt P Haarmis
(Neth) 6-1 3-6 4-6 6-4 6-0: A lile (Aus;
bt J Golmard (FT) 4-6 7-6 6-4 6-4. M Tillstrom (Swe) bt J Gimelstob (US) 6-3 6-4
6-1: W Ferreira (SA) bt O Vacek (C2 Rep)
6-4 2-6 6-3 6-1: T HENMAN (GBI) bt S
Stolle (Aus) 4-6 7-5 4-6 6-1 6-4; Y Enqvist (Swe) bt B Black (Zim) 7-6 7-6 6-0;
B Ulhrach (C2 Rep) bt A Cherkasov (Rus)
1-6 4-6 6-7 6-4 6-4; R KRALICEK (Neth)
bt M Zabaleta (Arg) 6-3 6-2 7-5; M Sahn
(Rus) bt G Kuerten (Bra) 6-3 5-7 7-5; M Sahn
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D VAN ROOST (Bel) bt S Noorlander
(Neth) 7-6 6-0; M Drake (Can) bt R Mcquillan (Aus) 7-6 4-6 6-2; E Loit (Fr) bt
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Rubon (LS) bt E Wagner (Ge) 4-6 7-6 6-2;
K Habsudova (Slovak) bt L Ghirard (Fr)
G-7 6-4 6-3; A Mauresmo (Fr) bt P SCHNYDER (Swif) 6-7 6-4 6-3; N ZVEREVA (Bela)
bt M Tu (US) 6-3 7-5; J Neigedly (Can) bt
C Cristes (Rom) 5-7 6-3 6-1; R Dragomir
(Rom) bt J Chi (US) 6-1 6-2; C WILLIAMS
(US) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 6-2 6-1.

TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of holes-in-one on consecutive holes (94 and 167 yards respectively) achieved by 11year-old Greg Peters at Seedy Mill Golf

Club in Lichfield.

Kohlmann (Ger) bt M Barnard and P Rosner (SA) 3-6 6-2 6-3.
Wiomen's doubles, first round: L Courtais (Bel) and N de Villers (SA) bt Cho
'ton-leong and Park Sung-Hee (S Kor) 7-6
6-3: A Grahame and 8 Stewart (Aus) bt
R Bobkova (Cz Rep) and O Jones (Aus) 6-2
6-4: S APPELMANS (Bel) and M OREMANS
(Neth) bt M Saeki and V Yoshida (Japan)
6-4 6-4: M J Fernandez and C Morlaru (US)
bt A Eliwood and A Molik (Aus) 6-1 6-2:
C Singer (Ger) and H Vidova (Cz Rep) br
M LLICIC (Cros) and M PIERCE (Fr) 6-2
6-2: L NEILAND (Lac) and A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Spa) bt E Dominikovic and C Watson (Aus) 6-3 6-4; M HINGIS (Swit) and
A KOURNIKOVA (Rus) bt E Metcharova
(Cz Rep) and J Puliin (GB) 6-3 6-0; R Hiraki (Japan) and L Mashea (Aus) bt E Bes
(Sp) and S Kriventcheva (Bul) 7-6 7-5; E
LIKHOVISEVA (Rus) and A SUGNYAMA
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Fans win better deal on tickets

AS THE organisers of the Euro 2000 finals yesterday provided details of how they hope to avoid the kind of how they hope to avoid the kind of how they hope to avoid marred last year's World Cup in France, their plans were given a cautious welcome by the Football Supporters' Association.

Outlining how seats will be co-hosted by the Netherlands and Belgium between 10 June and 2 July next year - a Euro 2000 spokesman said there will be no preferential treatment for the host countries' fans, that tickets for every game will be freely available across Europe, and that there will be no direct allocation of tickets to profiteering travel agents. "We are absolutely convinced there will be no repeat of the World Cup situation," the spokesman said

Of the 1.2m tickets available for Euro 2000's 31 matches, 37 per cent will be sold on a Europe-wide basis from the end of the finals in December Nineteen March. Fans will be able to apply for up to two tickets per game via application forms which will be available from national football associations and the organisers. Applications for these 37 per cent of tickets will

FOOTBALL BY NICK HARRIS

be accepted for around a month

and successful buyers will be notified by 25 June. If there are more applicants than tickets, the seats - likely to range from sold for the tournament - to be around £20 for the cheapest at group games to around £90 for the best places at the final - will be allocated by drawing lots. The organisers expect demand to be high, especially among fans of the Netherlands and Belgium, the only teams whose first-round fixtures have been confirmed. As hosts they have

both already qualified. A further 32 per cent of tickets (twice the figure allocated for the World Cup) will be divided between fans of the two nations competing in each game. These will be distributed via national associations after the draw for per cent of tickets will go to corporate sponsors and the hospi-tality market, eight per cent to the media, and the remainder to the world and European governing bodies, Fifa and Uefa.

Arsenal to extend defenders' contracts

ARSENAL'S VETERAN defendexpected to be offered extensions to their contracts by their manager, Arsène Wenger.

Bould's and Winterburn's contracts expire at the end of the season and both have been offered 12-mooth extensions. Dixon has being invited to negotiate a new contract. Wenger said yesterday: "The situation with all three players should be sorted out by the end of January, but don't be surprised if all three are at Highbury next season."

Bould. 36. Winterburn, 35. ers Steve Bould, Nigel Winter- and Dixon, 34, together with been part of the Arsenai defence for the last 11 years. In this period Arsenal have won the league three times, the FA Cup twice, the European Cup-Win-

ners' Cup and the League Cup. Adams and Martin Keown, 32, (who has also played a major part in the club's success over the last decade) remain under contract for next season. Between them, the five players have appeared in almost 1,700 matches for Arsenal.

ets will be freely available to fans across Europe and that a third will be given to competing countries," Alison Pilling, the chair of the Football Supporters' Association, said. "But there's still this problem that every ticket going into corporate hands, which will be nearly 20 per cent,

doesn't go to a genuine fan." According to the Euro 2000 organisers, security is a major priority and every ticket will be printed with the name of the buyer to deter black market trading. The only way that third parties will officially be allowed to trade in tickets, a spokesman said, is if a national association sanctions a tour operator to market its allocation of tickets. The onus for fair allocation and affordable prices will still rest with footballing bodies, be added.

For France 98, the organising committee (CFO) reserved around 60 per of tickets for French citizens. Demand by English and Scottish fans outnumbered available tickets by more than 10 to one, and there were complaints that tour operators were profiteering by selling tickets costing as little as £18 as part of £600 one-day packages. When the CFO-facing accusations that its allocation procedures were illegal under European competition law - opened its infamous ticket hotline, overseas callers chances of getting through were estimated at two million to one. Problems peaked at the thousands of fans found they had been victims of phantom ticket' sellers, where oo seats were forthcoming despite bav-

ing been paid for in advance. The Euro 2000 organisers' plans were drawn up specifically to avoid such problems. The CFO may yet face a multi-million pound fine for its arrangements and will meet with European Community officials in Brussels tomorrow to argue why it should not be penalised.



great escape TENNIS BY DERRICK WHYTE in Melbourne TIM HENMAN came close to adding to his dismal record in the Australian Open yesterday when he fell two sets to one behind

Henman

conjures

against Sandon Stolle, the Australian ranked 240 in the world

In the end, the British sixth

seed escaped to win 4-6, 7-5, 4-6. 6-1, 6-4 in just over three hours. Last year the British No 1 lost in the first round here and he has never progressed beyond the third round. Yesterday it was not hard to see why During the course of the Centre Court match, the world No 7 missed a succession of shot that he would normally put away with ease, two of them

simply awful smashes. "I don't know if my eyes were: shut or looking elsewhere," Henman said afterwards. "That's definitely not the way to execute the overhead." But he remained positive. "It builds confidence to know you can win when at times you are not play-ing your best," he added. "But in future rounds I've got to try and not dig holes for myself."

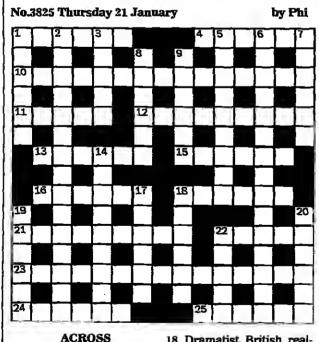
Henman's service continued to be suspect and it is hard to see how he can contin ue to make significant progression when there is such an inconsistency in the game's most important shot. Astonishingly, against a player who does not have a particularly destructive return of serve, he lost his first three service games, though he recovered from 5-1 down to lose the first set 6-4:

Henman's volleying too, was erratic and he admitted that he was lucky to recover in the second set, agreeing that Stolle had two bad line decisions at 5-6. Having been given that lifeling the British No 1 did his best to throw it way again, losing his own serve again at the start of the third set. Henman could not save that set, but he did save the match and Stolle said: "Tim

knows he escaped." Henman now faces a third-round match against the highly ting Swiss Marc Rosset - the fit 7in former world No 9 who is now down to 31st in the rankings. More reports, page 27

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IOC report shows 'decades of bribery' A CONFIDENTIAL Internation-OLYMPIC GAMES

al Olympic Committee report into the Salt Lake City Olympic scandal admits that bribery within the Olympic movement goes back decades and reveals that up to 16 IOC members could be expelled for their involvement in the affair.

The report will be delivered this weekend when the sixman IOC executive committee meets in Lausanne to decide what action to take. Informed sources indicate that it shows that Salt Lake City spent more than £400,000 in gifts and payments during and after winning the 2002 Winter Games.

The report also outlines how influence-peddling by hidding cities and IOC members goes back decades and details the activities of two unofficial agents who contacted hidding cities. One offered to deliver 25 votes for £1.3m. Another promised nine European votes for

£30,000-£60,000 each, Although Pound insists that the IOC has done nothing criminal, he warns that an investigation being carried out by the US Justice Department poses

serious problems. "We will have to consider what the position of the IOC will be if we are served with a subpoena to appear in front of a grand jury. This is a particularly odious procedural part of criminal law in which the accused virtually have no rights. It was a grand jury which dealt with Clinton matters," the report

BY KIERAN DALEY

down a \$1m (£600,000) bribe. "I once got offered a million bucks in connection with a television deal," he said in a speech earlier this week. "And 1 said: 'Please, you don't have to offer me a million bucks. I want to do this because it's right [for the Olympics]"."

Pound refused to reveal details of the incident, saying only that his comment was intended to show the high standards to which IOC members should strive in light of the bribery scandal.

Meanwhile, the mayor of Nagano said that the city's Olympic bidding committee's decision to destroy its expense books had been proper and merely "the Japanese way of doing things."

Mayor Tasuku Tsukada said

he left the decision on how to destroy the expense books to other officials. He explained that the expenses were approved at the committee's general meeting and that meant, as a matter of course, that the records could be destroyed. "In Japan, that means it's all

done and finished." he said. Some IOC officials inspecting Nagano as a possible site for the 1998 Winter Games were entertained by geisha, an official admitted yesterday. But he denied they were prosbtutes.

"We couldn't very well have had the governor pour drinks," In a separate revelation. Sumikazu Yamaguchi, a mem-Pound admitted he once turned ber of the bidding committee,

drinks and dance." In Australia, an official of Melbourne's failed 1996 Olympic bid revealed that the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra held a special concert so that the pianoplaying daughter of a South Korean IOC member could show off her musical talents.

The novelist Shane Maloney said the bidding committee encouraged the orchestra to invite the girl to play with them and the

concert drew a packed house. "Certainly they [the MSO] were prompted at our suggestion to invite her," Maloney said. "I think she probably tinkles in the C division, rather than the A, hut certainly she's a competent pianist." Despite Australia's magnanimous gesture, At-

lanta's bid won the Games. Vitaly Smirnov, the head of the Russian Olympic Committee and a former IOC vice president and executive board member, said the Salt Lake City bribery scandal is part of a plot to oust the IOC president. Juan Antonio Samaranch, according to an interview published yesterday.

"I'm absolutely sure that someone wanted to oust Samaranch, to force him to resign under the wave of criticism. And then replace him with someone else who would carry out a different policy," he said.

"Who? Many people don't like Samaranch, many people want to profit from the Olympic movement, commercialise it. Ted Turner and Rupert Murdoch have their vision of sport's



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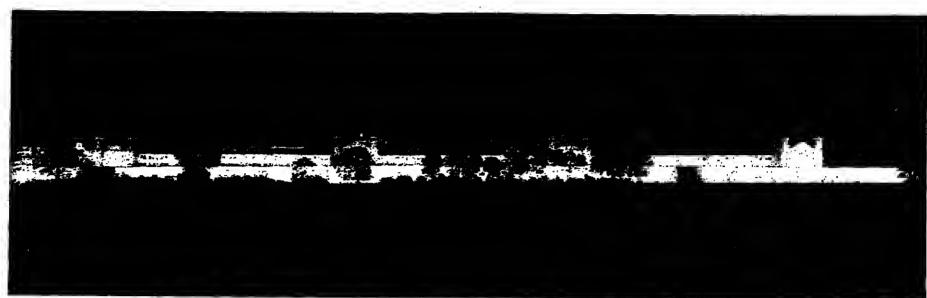
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There are 4,000 'lifers' in Britain, more than the rest of Europe put together. Men like Alan, who broke a man's nose and found himself banged up in a prison full of 'killers'. Five years into his sentence, he's still not got over the shock...

BY JACK O'SULLIVAN

and the state of t still hear his sense of shock at what has happened to him, five years after a court sent him down. "When I first got lifed off, for murder," he says, "I thought, 'God almighty, I'm going to a jail where there are killers." Indeed, he does not seem quite to appreciate why he is here at all. "You must understand," he confides, "there are people in here who have done a particular crime, where it wasn't a malicious thing. In my own case, I broke a man's nose and he died because he was drunk and he choked, so therefore I have a life sentence for killing the man. Fair enough. I accept that. But when people class everybody in the lifer system as the same, that's when things are not right."

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He has a point. Lifers are not your average jailbirds. They vary a great deal, and are also different from the rest of the prison population. Often they are older and better educated. And there are more and more of them. Last year the num-

ber in England and Wales exceeded 4,000 for the first time. That is more than the rest of western Europe put together, according to a new study from the Prison Reform Trust. Every year, 300 more join the ranks of these "prisoner pensioners". Meanwhile, only 80 or 90 get out. Those remaining are behind bars for longer: for almost 15 years on average compared with about 10 in the Seventies. Slowly, lifers are taking over the system.

All classes of people commit murder. That is clear from the Izens of Interviews with lifers, conducted for the Prison Reform rust report. And when murderers are caught, they find themselves in a bureaucratic machine far more complicated than anything other prisoners experience. Everyone they encounter is writing a report that could influence their release date - a report the prisoner will not see; even a chaplain who may never have spoken to the prisoner. It is a bizarre world. Inmates have little idea when they will get out. The rules determining when they may be freed are rarely explained.

As a result, prisoners must guess at a wise strategy, weighing up the risks of bad behaviour. If you are smart you don't smok dope, but you may take a chance on heroin. That way you will probably escape detection by mandatory drug-testing.

"If you smoke cannabis," says one lifer, "it can last 30 days in the system. This stuff [heroin] only lasts two days, so they can chance it over the weekend. Even boys that never touched it be-

fore, they're on it." Twisted logic rules. For example, an inmate who keeps his nose clean may find that he has made a mistake. He will learn to understand what other immates call "mind games". "If you are a model prisoner," warns Alan, "you can get penalised, because they think that's not showing the real you. If you are really a model prisoner, they ask themselves, why are you in here for killing

"It is a classic catch-22 situation," says Stephen Shaw, the director of the Prison Reform Trust. 'If a prisoner behaves too first sentenced in a local jail. well, then he may be accused of not addressing his offence. If he behaves badly, he may be thought unfit for release."

Somehow, you have to stay sane. It is why, from Wormwood Scrubs, Alan tries so hard to stay in touch with the outside. He knows that he must keep up contact with that changing world by youd the prison walls.

lan is 38 and doing life for murder. You can he is freed. They may keep him from crime, maybe even save the burden really starts." He is also trying to manage the outhim from suicide.

> But it isn't easy. Alan relies on weekly wages, which buy just over 12 minutes' phone time. "I try phoning at least twice, three times a week," he says. "I get 37 seconds for a unit, but a guy who lives locally can get 67 seconds. For me a £2 phone card, which is dear - it's two days' wages - lasts me around five minutes. Whereas a local chap can stay on the phone for 20 minutes."



Morris Carpenter/Insight

Twelve minutes. Not long to keep up with three children and his parents in Devon. Like many lifers, Alan has seen his marriage collapse. He has not had a visit in two months because Wormwood Scrubs is too far away. The four-hour journey from Devon, for his retired parents, is arduous - his mother has bad arthritis. "She leaves on a Friday night to get here on a Saturday morning. She's got to stay overnight in a freezing cold flat for a half-hour visit. It's not on. I lost my marriage because of it, because there was no contact. I've got three children and I'm lucky to see them three times a year."

It's a familiar story in London, where the Scrubs is filled with people from parts of the country that do not have appropriate facilities for lifers, particularly at the beginning of their sentences. In some ways, however, Alan is glad to be with other lifers. There is less pressure. He had a terrible time, he says, when he was

"You're trying to get your head round starting a life sentence. You want to try to cope with your own emotions and your own problems without somebody who is moaning about having three months, and he's got two weeks to do."

It can take a long time for a lifer to come to terms with what has happened. Jim is five years into his term. The loss of your Those relationships will be needed one day in the future, when first appeal is, he now realises, the moment of truth. "This is where

side world in his head. "You're stuck here in a time zone. Really and truly, you are thinking of when you came in, because you are not growing on the outside. So when people come in and you think something is not all right, it is often because they have grown, they're evolving. You are still slowed down, very, very slow."

Jlm's comments are ironic because, despite this slowness, lifers age more quickly than folk on the outside. American research reveals that illnesses that typically afflict men in their fifties, such as heart disease, often debilitate prisoners in their forties.

However, Jim's sense of life speeding by reflects a general craving among lifers for fresh knowledge of the world outside. "It would be nice if you had someone you could get information from," says Mike. "It's like, you go and buy CDs, but you're

huying them hlind. You're spending £10 or £15 on a CD and it's not really what you wanted, because for 13 years you've had no one there giving you information." Without such help you can quickly be in trouble. "Some guys have no family and, two years into their bird, they're struggling because they have no contact," says Jim. "I think it has a lot to

do with feeling wanted. If you knew people before, then when you come here and they don't want to see you, you feel that you're not wanted, hecause nobody in here is going to want you. "Some people come in here and they have nobody. They go outside and they have nobody again. They reoffend and the courts vilify them: 'Why are you reoffending, ra ra ra?' They don't understand why? You put me in a dodgy little, dingy little bedsitter, you give me some idiot amount of money and expect me to get on

with life. I mean, there's only a few people that grit their teeth and say, 'Tm digging my feet in and I'm not going back to jail.' Not everyone's got that character. Some suicide. Some turn back to crime. It's rotten because it all stems from how you are in here." Yet even when your family does visit, it is hard to communicate with them in such a false situation as a prison visit. That bothers Jim. "You know yourself, when you're around your family at home you don't feel you need to speak. You just chill, watch TV or whatever. But when you're up for a visit, you feel you have

them, not talk to them the whole time. "Sometimes my brothers come and they just relax and get a conversation going on between them. It's like I'm on the outside looking in, because I've lost a lot of time with them. Therefore I haven't got a clue about half the things they talk about. But I can sit there and see it. Sometimes I'll just be smiling because I don't feel put on the spot, and they're relaxing and just being normal.

So I can have a part in that normality." It is a normality that can easily be shattered, says Paul, who is serving a life sentence for killing a man in a brewl. He recalls a visit from his wife. "I was on a visit," he recalls, "when one of the screws decided to say to her. What the fucking hell are you doing here visiting murderers?' She'd been here every week and that's the first time anybody had said anything like that to her... there was nearly a fight between me and the screws."

Paul knows how dangerous it is if his family becomes alienated by the treatment they receive. "They should lay off the families, when they come in to visit you," he says, "because they know that for a lot of people that's their only source of support at all. If that goes, then you can guarantee when a prisoner comes back into his cell he'll go mad - not probably swinging from the end of a landing-rope, but he'll kick off. He'll say: 'What's the point

of me doing anything else? It's all up the tubes; let's go for it. **
Alan seeks some understanding: "All I am asking is to treat me like a human being. I've got family. I've got children. I was a businessman on the outside. I'm not an animal - please don't treat me like one. That's all I ask, and I'll cope with my sentence. And I will cope with it better if you ease the pressure.

The prisoners' identities have been disguised



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Stop killing Iragis

Sir: At the end of 1998, the United States and the United Kingdom once again rained bombs on the people of Iraq. But even when the bombs stop falling, the war against the people of Iraq continues through the harsh economic sanctions. This is a call to action to end all the war.

This month US/UK policy will kill 4,500 children under the age of five in Iraq, according to UN studies, just as it did last month and the month before that, all the way back to 1991. Since the end of the Gulf War, hundreds of thousands - maybe more than 1 million - Iragis have died as a result of the UN sanctions, which are a direct result of US/UK policy.

This is not foreign policy, it is sanctioned mass-murder that is nearing holocaust proportions. If we remain silent, we are condoning a mass slaughter that is being perpetrated in our name.

For several years, individuals and groups have been delivering medicine and other supplies to Iraq in defiance of the blockade. Now, members of one of those groups, Voices in the Wilderness in Chicago, have been threatened with massi fines by the US government for "exportation of donated goods, including medical supplies and toys, to Iraq [without] specific prior authorisation". The US government is harassing a peace group that takes medicine and toys to dving children: we owe these courageous activists our support.

The time has come for a call to action to people of conscience. We need an international campaign to lift the sanctions. Such a campaign is not equivalent to support for the regime of Saddam Hussein. To oppose the sanctions is to support the Iraqi people. Our moral responsibility is to counter the hypocrisy and inhumanity of our leaders. This issue must be discussed in every household and every public forum. NOAM CHOMSKY EDWARD HERMAN EDWARD SAID HOWARD ZINN Department of Journalism University of Texas

Pregnant teens

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Sir: Lynn Eaton's article "The morning after could be too late" (19 January) highlights why it is important for emergency contraception to be more readily available. The problem lies in GPs who insist on appointments only in 2-3 days' time, overburdened casualty departments and fewer family planning clinics.

Last year I launched a campaign in the House of Commons for the deregulation of emergency contraception. I tabled an early day motion which is backed by more than 80 MPs with cross-party support. The campaign is backed by the Family Planning Association, the Birth Control Trust, the Brook Advisory Service, the British Medical Association, the British Pregnancy Advisory Service, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

A pilot scheme in Washington State, USA, allows emergency contraception to be available on prescription under a protocol agreed by doctors to allow their local nurses and pharmacists to dispense it. The nurses and pharmacists are trained to ask the right questions. There would be no difficulty in making emergency contraception available in the UK in this way.

Emergency contraception is not a substitute for better sex education or regular contraception. However, emergency contraception is a practical way to deal with the world as it is and its wider use would prevent the high rate of abortion amongst young women in this country. We have the highest teenage pregnancy rate in western Europe: 8.5 per 1,000 amongst under-16-year-olds and 8.5 per 1,000 for 16- to 19-year-olds. One

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tough Guys No 4: It's a veritable bridge of thighs for the competitors in this month's annual Tough Guys race, in Staffordshire

half to one third of these pregnancies end in abortion.

Proposals to make emergency contraception more readily available do not make women more vulnerable. Young women are most vulnerable when they have nobody to turn to. Dr JENNY TONGE MP (Lib Dem, Richmond Park) House of Commons London SW1

Water chemicals

Sir. Dr Adrian Padfield Uetter. 16 January) shows admirable concern for his patients but he is sadly mistaken when he refers to dental caries being "easily prevented by simple water management, as with the reduction of bacterial disease".

I have been involved, as an engineer with the treatment of water for public supply for thirty years and know only too well the range of quite unpleasant chemicals which are used in that process, including chlorine to kill bacteria, ozone to destroy potential carcinogens and phosphoric acid to prevent dissolution of lead.

These chemicals are used to render the final product safe to drink. Fluoride is the only chemical currently added to water supplies for the sole purpose of medication or prophylaxis. This is a most important distinction. Worthy though it may be to reduce dental caries, compulsory mass medication via water supply is the thin end of a very dangerous political wedge and should, I

believe, be strenuously resisted. Millions of tons of water are treated every day, only a tiny fraction of which is ingested. If, as Dr Padfield clearly believes, there should be some form of compulsory mass medication, then let it be by the compulsory addition of fluoride to all toothpastes. This would not only be more efficient in treating the disease but would, I suspect, be rather more cost-effective. RICHARD HILL Penn, Buckinghamshire

Acts of tyranny.

Sir: With regard to the case of General Pinochet, it is interesting to note the judgement in US v Noriega, June 1990.

Counsel for General Noriega, the former Panamanian leader, argued that Noriega was immune from prosecution as a head of state and diplomat, and that his alleged narcotics offences constituted acts of state not properly reviewable by the court.

Judge Hoeveler, United States District Judge, commented that "the doctrine of head of state immunity provides that a head of state is not subject to the iurisdiction of foreign courts, at least as to official acts taken during the ruler's term of office... Criminal activities such as the narcotics trafficking with which defendant is charged can hardly be considered official acts or governmental duties which promote a sovereign

state's interests." He concluded that, "Noriega was the defucto head of Panama's government. But simply because Noriega may have in fact run the country of Panama does not mean he is entitled to head of state immunity, since the grant of immunity is a privilege which the

Sir: I am a retired female

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literature, travel and

and plays also.

DrMEWOOD

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United States may withhold from any claimant.... His claim to a 'right' of immunity against the express wishes of the government is wholly without merit."

It could likewise be argued that torture and conspiracy to torture do not constitute official acts or governmental duties.
PAUL TANNER London SE15

Pleasant Paxman

Sir: As competitors in the current series of University Challenge, we were somewhat surprised by the widespread media coverage given to Mr Lance Haward, the 62-year-old member of the Open University's team.

We were particularly taken aback by the tone of his interview in The Independent, containing as it did much criticism of Mr Jeremy Paxman Whilst Mr Paxman is noted by the media for his occasionally hrusque manner, he was actually extremely pleasant towards all the contestants in the series, as were the entire production team. We feel that to compare Mr Paxman unfavourably with Bamber Gascoigne, a quizmaster with an entirely different style, is a gross discourtesy given all he did to put

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In many Asian cultures,

including the Chinese, a sense

of family and self-reliance is

deep-rooted; that some old

people have been neglected

months points to the failure of

their families to take care of

them. It does not mean the

government is insensitive

to their plight.

London, WC1

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during the barsh winter

the Big Chill", 18 January).

"stumbling, hesitation and swearing", Mr Paxman exuded professionalism and erudition at all times. To claim that he "seems to have met his match" in Lance Haward will have surprised all those who

teams at their ease during filming.

Far from demonstrating

were present during filming. DAVID STAINER ROBERT DOUGANS **DAVID BREWIS** TOBY COX Oriel College University Challenge team.

Ban this cruelty

Sir: It is not surprising that Nigel Burke (letter, 19 January) attempts to play down public support for a ban on hunting with dogs. As opinion polls have shown time and time again, both public and parliamentary support for a ban remain consistently high because hunting is a cruel and unnecessary "sport".

It is a strange argument, however, to suggest that reducing or eliminating unnecessary suffering to animals is an infringement of civil liberties or is in some way "illiberal". Perhaps the best illustration of the

Sir: I find myself atternately puzzled and infuriated by the Royal Mail's unequal delivery times for first-class post. Letters sent to me from the Bristol area invariably arrive here the following day but it is a different story for letters sent from London and the

Home Counties. My latest record is five days for a letter posted in Slough and franked 14 January. It arrived on 19 January. Why should we pay 26 pence per letter for this gross inefficiency? I have known a second-class letter to arrive the next day. Mrs LINDY MCKINNEL Lymm, Cheshire

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absurdity of this argument is to consider just how things would be if such logic had been accepted by earlier governments.

Bull- and bear-baiting would never have been outlawed and people would be free to beat or starve their pets. In fact the law would not have developed to stop many of the worst abuses against animals or humans and practices such as child labour or slavery would still be legal in Britain. CHARLOTTE MORRISSEY Deadline 2000 Campaign for the Protection of .

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Horsham, West Susset

No job, no home

Sir: Your report (15 January) that Labour plans to cut mortgage help for people who lose their jobs sits strangely with Mr Blair's declaration that he wants to appeal to the middle-class vote. What could be more unsettling to a homeowner than to be told that, if they lose their job, they might also lose their house?

The last government cut help to home owners in these circumstances by delaying the payment of income support on mortgage interest for nine months. The present government has been engaged in talks with the mortgage and insurance industries to find ways of closing the gap, but all the evidence shows that people who are most vulnerable either do not have insurance or cannot get the insurer to pay out.

back from ending mortgage interest tax relief, which still costs £2bn. Why not phase out this indiscriminate subsidy and use the money to provide better support to the most vulnerable owners? This would help to cut repossessions, and save money that councils spend on bousing JOHN PERRY Director of Policy

Chartered Institute of Housing

The Chancellor has so far held

Urban worrier

Sir: Gentrification of our inner cities is not a comprehensive solution to urban decline treport, 14 January). Unless we promote low-skilled jobs in our cities, those living there shall be outbid in the housing market by the middle class moving back in. The result could be an urban structure common to many European cities where the rich live near the city centre and the poor in the outskirts.

Studio flats, art galleries and cafes may look nice, but are of little benefit to people bearing the brunt of economic restructuring. DONALD HOUSTON Department of Urban Studies University of Glasgow

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Sir: I found the reported attitude of the Countryside Alliance to the idea of ending Miras tax relief on homes built on greenfield sites curiously negative (Your Money, 16 January). In this predominately rural district residents do not want to see green fields disappear under concrete to meet an insatiable and inherently; self-defeating mass demand to "live in the countryside".

Certainly, existing property and residents must not be penalised, but abolishing Miras on new greenfield developments is, potentially, a powerful lever to protect both the countryside and existing residents' interests, and the measure must get serious debate. Of course it will not please the \$40,000-per-house land-value hopefuls. KEN BLANSHARD Burgess Hill The writer is leader of Mid Sussex district council

Runaway family

Sir: Your leading article "The Bramleys have bucked a bad system" (18 January) was wrong to portray the Bramleys as victims of. Cambridgeshire Social Services. Whilst most of us can agree, in the aftermath of events, that prospective adopters' legal rights to challenge decisions need overhauling, it still remains far from clear that they are suitable parents for the Bennett children.

It is naive to describe their parental shortcomings as . stemming from "too much love". Whatever else this experience is set to teach these two unfortunate children, it can presumably not include any notion of the discipline and respect for unpleasant . obligations with which most genuinely loving, responsible parents attempt to imbue their children's upbringing ALEX GREY

War's first casualty

Sir: John Lichfield in his article (9 January) ou Pegasus Bridge suggested that Licutenant Danny Brotheridge of the Ox & Bucks (gliders) "became the first Allied casualty of the D-Day invasion at 20 minutes past midnight on 6 June 1944". That is not wrong, but it depends upon the criteria by which one judges. What of those Royal Navy and Royal Engineers wet-suit swimmers, dropped by submarines, who tested the beaches, for instance?

In Oxford's military cemetery is a war grave recording that Lance-Corporal E T Hall of 2 Para was buried there on 6 June. He was shot by his own camp-guards while doing the round of the five airbases involved in the night-time drop. Why should he not be the first D-Day casualty? Dom ALBERIC STACPOOLE Ampleforth Abbeu

Unfair exchange

Sir: In 1876, Bismarck noted that the Balkans were not worth the bones of a single Pomeranian grenadier. Could Paddy Ashdown ("We cannot allow the Serbs to attempt a 'final solution' ", 20 January) or you kindly convert this into British soldiers at the 1999 rate of exchange? ALASTAIR MEEKS London SE13

The legend of Sir Alastair Campbell and the green king

TODAY WE bring you another extract from the fabulous rediscovered Shakespearean historical tragedy, The History of King Tony or New Labour's Lost, Love, which tells the story of King Tony's rise to power and his struggle to keep the throne he has won in battle against the Tory army. Last week we saw King Tony's triumphal meeting with King Nelson of South Africa. Now troubled waters await him back home...

A privy chamber in the King's palace in Downing Street. King Tony is deep in conversation with his last remaining adviser, Sir Alastair Campbell. Tony: All my erstwhile friends desert me, all. Sir Geoffrey Robinson, Paymaster General, Whom I was wont to ask for business tips -He always knew which shares to buy or sell -And Mandelson! Sir Peter Mandelson! That very gentle knight who knew my thoughts Almost before they came into my mind! They've gone, these friends, as fair winds fade at

And left my sails all flapping, empty, useless...

Sir Alastair: Not all, Your Majesty! Some still there Who long to serve you till their dying day. Tony: And who might they be when they are at Sir A: Why, me, Your Majesty! Through thick and I shall attempt to guard you 'gainst your foes!

Tony: Campbell, good Campbell, thou art indeed

But how can one prevail one against so many? Canst kill my enemies all by thyself? Sir A: There is no need. I never take a sword Or naked metal 'gainst my enemies. That is the way of brainless warriors To cut and hew and carve the opposition. Far better 'tis to cut and hew the news! What serves it to have gained a victory If all the world thinks you do emerge the loser? Tony: I'm not so sure I see where you are driving... Sir A: Then let me quickly put you straight again. You've no doubt read about this pair, the Bramleys? Tony: Bramley? A kind of apple, is it not?



MILES KINGTON

Sir Alastair: 'God give us strength. Some kings inherit thrones But not the brains that should accompany them'

Sir A: [Aside] God give us strength. Some kings But not the brains that should accompany them.

(Aloud) They are a married pair, my lord, who have Kidnapped two girls and run away with them. Tony: Then they should be arrested straightaway And thrown into the Tower of London Town! Sir A: But that disgrace will never come to pass. The Bramleys have the public on their side And all they ask can never be denied! You see the lesson which I seek to draw? Tony: I think so. What you're trying to say Is that I should go on the run today
Taking two lovely little children with me... Sir A: No, no, my liege. What you must see is this: That once you have the press and media tamed You have the victory already claimed! Tony: It's true! I see it oow! Yes, you are right! A relaunch now will put my foes to flight! [There is a disturbance at the door.] But hold! Who comes? And why is there this noise? Enter Paddy, Earl of Ashdown, with sword drawn. Paddy: Tis I, my Lord! The Earl of Ashdown

Ready to take my place right at your side Which you did promise me once, long ago. Tony: Fie, Ashdown, fie! I do not need you now. That day is gone. Be you gone too, likewise. I have my special ways of doing things now. Paddy: Ah yes, your way! The Third Way, is it not? Everyone knows the Third Way comes from me, And now you steal it from me unashamed! I'd sooner side with baby-face Lord Hague Than trust myself to you and all your ways. The public sees your waving hands and smiles But I have seen your scurvy tricks and wiles! Tony: Go then, to Hague! Take on his British ways! And do whate'er the little bumpkin says! Exit Ashdown, furiously waving his sword. Sir A: Well, said, my Lord! You sent the upstart

We'll have no trouble from that quarter now. packing. Execut both From behind a pillar comes Ken, Duke of Livingstone. Livingstone: You laugh now, Campbell, you

But when I'm Mayor of London, you'll both weep!

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Mr Ashdown's fight for reform ends in ultimate failure

THE UNEXPECTED exit of Paddy Ashdown is a classic illustration of Enoch Powell's dictum that all political careers end in failure. That may be an unfair assessment of his full contribution over the past 10 years, which started with his rescue of the fractured alliance between the Liberals and the SDP in 1988. He built the merged party into a surprisingly coherent, strong and electorally secure third force. We salute his great achievement in rebuilding that party, enabling it to provide much needed opposition in many of the one-party states of local government, and in helping to break down many of the tribal assumptions of

But yesterday's announcement is ultimately an admission that his strategy for going beyond that is not working. He wanted a realignment of British politics - but it was a realignment that seemed superfluous to an electorate already realigned behind Tony Blair and which seemed undesirable to his party.

He tried to change his party, but in the end it proved too resistant to change. In the past few weeks, there have been signs that he had given up trying, as the depth of hostility among Liberal Democrats to working with the Labour Government has been increasingly evident. He was forced, for example, to vote against last November's Queen's Speech, which contained virtually nothing with which the Lib Dems disagreed. Mr Ashdown's decision to go is a public declaration of his loss of faith in his own party.

But in the end his failure was to change the Labour Party, which has made its bostility to working with him equally evident. For all his success in establishing his party as the second party of local government, and in sending more MPs to Westminster than at any time since the Liberals were overtaken by the Labour Party earlier this century be could go no further without achieving a breakthrough in changing the electoral system,

After the Labour landslide removed his hargaining power, his strategy for obtaining proportional representation was fatally flawed. He never really decided whether be wanted to be part of a broad, progressive, liberal coalition - in which case electoral systems are only a means to an end, and changing them was rendered pointless by Mr Blair's redrawing of the contours of the political landscape - or whether PR was desirable as an end in itself.

Could he have played it differently after Mr Blair's unexpectedly decisive victory? Yes. He could have stuck to an independent path, defending liberal principles against the incipient authoritarianism of New Labour, and arguing for a plural political system for its own sake. Whether that would have been any more successful must be doubtful. The failure of Roy Jenkins's compromise PR system to



catch the public imagination was nearly decisive; Mr Blair's shelving of the prospect of a referendum on electoral change before the next election closed the door to the early prospect of hreaking the mould. In retrospect. must not be fudged however, Labour's win in May 1997 will be seen as the event that sealed Mr Asbdown's political fate.

The challenge for the Liberal Democrat party is to prove that that election has not sealed its fate, too. In its euphoria at winning 46 MPs, the party may bave been temporarily hlinded to the significance of what was happening that Mr Blair was realigning without them. And since then, its opposition to Mr Ashdown's strategy has been based on tribalism. If the party had stood up for what it believed, supporting the Government's hudgets and opposing the illiberalism of its policies on education, crime and terrorism, instead of chafing at any element of co-operation, it would be in a stronger position to choose a successor able to build on the impressive platform which Mr Ashdown becomesthes to his ungrateful party

This historic challenge

THE PUBLICATION of the Government's White Paper on reform of the House of Lords is as welcome as it is overdue. Thankfully, the time when our laws could be made or altered on the basis of an accident of birth will soon come to an end, with the Government appointing a Royal Commission to suggest precisely who should be legislating on our behalf. This Royal Commission will produce its report by the end of the year - an impressive turn of speed for a vehicle which, Harold Wilson once joked, would take minutes and waste years.

However, it is unlikely that the subsequent stages, namely consideration of the proposals by the Government, entation will be undert

remains genuine doubt as to whether reform will be anywhere near complete by the time of the next election. Indeed, there is a creeping suspicion that the Government might not wish to see such a distracting issue take centre stage at that time and that it is, in any case, shying from any of the real choices before it.

The judicial role of the Law Lords, the question of disestablishing the Church of England along with the bishops, the place of the new chamber in the broader devolution of the union - all these are missing from the commission's remit.

There is one word above all that cannot be forgotten when it comes to the new upper chamber: democracy, Politicians of all parties may place discreet pressure on the Royal Commission to produce a fudge - a fudge that reduces the power of the new House. The temptation to trim must be resisted by the commission. The new upper and a joint committee of the Lords and Commons on imple-. house should last for as long as the last one did. To do that-

> QUOTE OF THE DAY "Though I love being an MP, I don't want still to be one at 65."

Paddy Ashdown,

leader of the Liberal Democrats

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I may disagree with what you have to say, but I shall

defend, to the death, your right to say it."

Voltaire,

French writer and philosopher

Some thoughts, your Lordship, on the reform of your House

Dear Lord Wakeham, Congratulations on your appointment to yet another senior position in public service. First the Press Complaints Commission, and then this new Royal Commission on the reformed second chamber. Wow! It's only a shame that we haven't got any large

feathery hat and a medal. To be honest, Your Lordship, my first thought was that appointing someone with your record to oversee radical reform was like putting a pacifist in charge of the Nato intervention force in Kosovo. You've been pretty conservative in the PCC job, haven't you?

colonies left, so that you can round

your career off properly with a nice

But I ought to keep an open mind, A at least because I want to serve on e Royal Commission too. No. really, I do. This may seem a bizarre way of a consensus between political parties bringing my desire to serve my chang-ing country to the PM's attention, but I really cannot see myself going through the endless rounds of networking, lunching, cold-calling and flattery that usually accompany any attempt to break through into the super-quango stratosphere. Some are good at it, some aren't

There are those who regret the passing of the hereditary peers, just as there is still a League of Empire Loyalists and, I dare say, a shadowy group dedicated to the restoration of the Stuart monarchy (whose scion is probably a Winnipeg acupuncturist). Personally I would be quite prepared to swap all those earls, dukes and whatevers for a convocation of hamsters and hedgehogs, if that were the only choice. It seems very sensible and

THE PRESIDENT may promise

all he wants in new programs but the budget calculations

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CLINTON WAS able to propose

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sight. For the most part, those

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USA Today

not at all "control-freaky" to have this interim panel to nominate peers for the period between the guillotining of the aristos and the establishment of a new second chamber, otherwise known as Stage One. My only worry is that if the new Appointments Commission really does respond to public nomination (as is already happening in the drawing up of the honours list), we will end up with 200 hospice volunteers, youth workers and disabled athletes.

But, as you know, m'lud, whatever the obsession with who, the really big question is what. What is a second chamber for? And here's where the big worries begin. Your appointment is said to have reflected the desire for cross-party consensus on the question of reform. But insofar as this is to be and MPs of different persuasions, then it will also be a consensus that the second chamber should have no powers effectively to challenge the prerogatives of the House of Commons. Lady Jay intimated this much yesterday, when she reassured the world that "whatever the remit of the Royal Commission" MPs would

remain supreme. Lord Wakeham, you've been there. You know that what most members of the Commons would prefer would be a sedate gathering of worthy ex-civil servants, obligingly keeping tabs on all the most boring legislation emanating from Europe, and acting as a sounding-board for whinges from the Welsh Assembly and the Scottish Parliament. With the exception of an enlightened few, MPs would not want ily on those who are not career polit-

liberals are in his pocket. Now

he needs to solidify support in

the center: what better way to

do that than with a cash bath?

This amounts to jury tamper-

ing in the court of public opin-

ion, of course. But this is what

Clinton has excelled at for

MANY OF the proposals for.

education, the environment,

crime and military readiness

will probably find broad support

years. Cynicism pays.

New York Post



DAVID AARONOVITCH

Whatever the obsession with who, m'lud, the big question is what. What is a second chamber for?

to endow another chamber with substantial rights of veto or delay.

Tony, of course, has his own genda, Your Excellency. The remit of the Appointments Commission is to consider lay, non-party nominations to the second chamber on the basis of "the special qualities they could bring to the law-making process". And, perhaps, to government. He would like, I suspect, to widen the gene pool from which he and his successors can draw their ministers. Already the whispers are that Lords Falconer and Macdonald (the latter having been ennobled and given ministerial rank on the same day) are among the most effective of New Labour's administrators. Tony may well want to be able, in future, to draw yet more heavicians. Given that we do not operate a system of presidential appointmeots, the PM needs the fig-leaf of a second chamber to achieve this. And he cannot rely on his own party

to provide them. The real problem with the way we are governed lies in the Commons itself, and its relationship to the political parties. The present tribal selection of candidates, under the first-past-thepost system, tends to reward the obsessive and the devious, at the expense of the intelligent and the dynamic. To get elected you must belong to one of the big parties. For them to select you, you must conform to the local orthodoxy of what a good candidate should be like. Although more talented ones slipped under the wire in 1997, It is still the case that only about a tenth of MPs are either bright

or curious enough to be decent com-panions at a Notting Hill dinner party. When elected, the prime responsibility of those in the majority party is to support their government (of which they all hope to be members), and that of the minority party is to oppose it. It is little wonder that scrutiny (as in the select committee system) invariably stops short of serious embarrassmeot, or that three line whips are rarely broken. As a result the Prime Minister, at the head of his whipped majority, exercises almost total, unchallenged powers over appointment, legislation and oversight. Whether or not a PM is a "control freak" is utterly irrelevant. He or she is more completely in cootrol than any American president could ever dream of being.

You witnessed all this, Your High-

Thatcher. Were you not around for the poll tax? And you must know that one voice in this debate is in danger of going unheard. It is the voice that argues for a substantial second chamber, composed of people who do have the power substantially to delay, alter or block government legislation and appointments. I should like to see a senate whose committees are feared and respected by citizens and public servants in a way that, currently, Commons Select Committees are not. I exempt those chaired by Gerald Kaufman, who I gather is to help you out. That'll be fun.) And if the second chamber is not to have such powers, then I am reluctant to spend tax-

I am not against ideas to link the senate to the devolved bodies in Wales and Scotland (though I suspect that MSPs and MWAs will have better things to do with their time). And I am very much in favour of a number of non-party nominees who have not had to go through the party selection grinder. The Independent Appointments Commission is welcome, though I shall be interested to see who is appointed to make the appointments. But what a modern Britain needs is a mostly elected, legitimate and powerful second chamber, which can assist good government and protect citizens' rights through the exercise of real, not chimerical, power.

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That's it. I look forward to hearing from you. By the way. Mondays and Wednesdays are difficult for me. With best wishes,

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ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD American verdicts on President Clinton's State of the Union speech

ance reform. If he can emerge from the impeachment debate and lead an effort that borrows

in Congress. We hope he also could put a productive stamp makes a push for campaign fin- on his final two years in office. New York Times

HELPING CLINTON last night ideas from the opposition, he was also the fact that he is

most prosperous period in US history. Republicans might as well accept this reality: America won't tolerate his removal. He walked into the House not unlike Daniel entering the lion's den, And like Daniel, he walked out again. The lions were cheering. Miami Herald

on the occasion of one of Clinton's previous State of the Houston Chronicle

presiding over what may be the Union messages, be declared that the "era of big government is over". Some of the biggest government programs and tax increases in US history followed that bitthe baloney. While Clinton's presidency is in deep trouble, the state of the union has not been better in some time. In the coming weeks, the Senate will decide whether Clinton will remain president IT MUST be remembered that long enough to advance any part of his sweeping agenda.

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A RECENT profile of the POLITICIANS ASPIRING to be mayor of London may Cabinet enforcer Jack want to take note of the Cunningham appearing in a Spanish factor. A real voteparliamentary journal is significant for the things it winning idea of buying the electorate birthday leaves out. In a two-page presents has been hit npon article Cunningham tantalises the reader with by Julin Fernandez, mayor nf a small town near such revelations as: "I left Madrid. Gifts including Jarrow after a very stimulating, thoughtslippers and bicycle pumps are being doled out at the provoking few years. It was a rate of a dozen a day to the very radical environment. town's 5,000 inhabitants. A The excellent head of the barber whn received the mathematics department was a lifelong communist. After slippers complained: "It seems he has started his studies I played lots of election campaign early. If football and tennis." However, be paid for the gifts himself despite such exhilarating stuff, Cunningham omits to it would be all right, but to mention his father's do it with public money is immoral." Would such imprisonment for his treats for the electorate be involvement in the Poulson graft scandal that rocked considered by mayoral hopefuls such as Ken local government in the Seventies, far more intriguing Livingstone and Jeffrey than any tennis match. Daisy Archer? If the worst came to the worst for Archer he Sampson, political correspondent of The House could always give away free Magazine, explained to copies of his books. Then again, the idea is to win Pandora that: "It is a live face-to-face interview. I can't votes not lose them. say what was discussed but if people don't want to talk about something then there is MICHAEL CAINE has been nothing you can do." Luckily dissecting his acting style. The British screen actor, who for Jack the interview pre-

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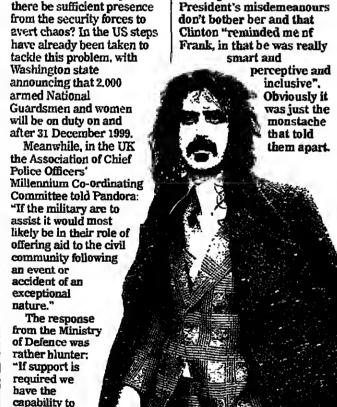
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IF CELEBRATIONS for the

millennium turn nasty will

dated the recent stories about is mooted as an Oscar nominee for his role in Little his "champagne" lifestyle abroad, thus avoiding more Voice, recently told the US columnist Liz Smith that: "I am an unsubtle let-it-all-hang-out performer. I call it WAS PADDY Ashdown's parachute acting. 1 jump. I resignation written in the scream and hope the damn stars? The retiring Lih Dem chute opens." Surely, Caine leader was pictured signing needs a stunt double? a "living will" on the front cover of this month's VES MANY CELEBRITY endorse-News, the campaign journal Euthanasia Society. A

ments bave been bestowed on President Clinton hnt few can have been as welcome as that from Gail Zappa. widow of rock's legendary wild man, Frank Zappa (pictured). When Zappa died in 1993 both Clinton and Vice-President Gore sent Gail their condolences. Now one of the Democrats' top donors, Mrs Zappa recently told the Washington Times that the President's misdemeanours don't bother ber and that Clinton "reminded me nf



There's no glory in acting drunk

THE HORROR! The borror! More drunken actors! How come I never really noticed it before? I took it for granted, like the smell of the stuff they use to glue backcloths, which gives that pungent aroma that stays in your memory. It's part of the trade, par for the course ...

On tour, actors gather round one table endlessly boozing, boring themselves into a numb zone. Most know when to stop, but there is always the one for whom booze acts as an incendiary device blowing part of his brain up. He fixes you with his newly acquired freedom, runny eyes pinning you in an accusing stare for being so stiff, reserved or sober. You feel guilty for not sharing this abandoned joy, his uninhibited release. Curiously, we other actors are involuntarily forced into a kind of suhmission, admiring his out-rageous antics. His idiotic boldness we see as courage. We feel lesser as he grows higger.
I was sucked into it as a young

actor when the pub did nothing hut sell booze, and maybe a few crisps to soak up the river of beer. We would dash desperately to the pub after the show, terrified lest we should miss our alcoholic reward. Like those newborn turtles racing for the sea, we raced to the puh. Conditioned thus to desperation, we got wasted



STEVEN BERKOFF

Acting is about the only profession where you can perform the work pissed out of your mind

when abroad, carried into hotels by sympathetic colleagues, lifted on to planes after international festivals. Didn't even Shakespeare know about this? Hamlet says: "They clepe us drunkards and with swinish phrase soil our addition... Maybe we were always so inclined.

We can get wrecked, since the acting profession is about the only job, apart from pop and rock perhaps, where you can perform the work pissed ont of your mind. With memorising and repetition, once the words have sunk into your brain no

amount of alcohol can budge them. The become like a tattoo that you

So, paradoxically, for acting you need great skill to create the role and then, once it's airborne, it seems to propel itself under its own volition. A dynamic company that included many disciplines, a demanding physical theatre, would not be able to tolerate indulgence; nor could the boozy actor endure the pace. Every actor has a story about someone who has gone on stage blind drunk. We admire the gall, interpreting it as a kind of wild rogiishness. The great 19th-century actor Edmund Kean could go on stage after copious amounts of brandy because he kept the same plays in his repertoire for years -

obviously, wisely so. Booze is taken for granted, almost like the rum station for sailors. I have to have a drink after a show as if to replace something, or even keep that sense of freedom going; how-ever, I can't feel comfortable with the idea that the liver, kidney and brain are invincible.

In the Sixties there was a strong reaction to stolid, heavy theatre when young, idealistic groups attempted to radicalise plod naturalism. The criterion for joining such companies was a radical attitude towards theatre, and a strong physical awareness. Rehearsals were most often commenced after an arduous warm-up - both vocal and physical - and much of the rebearsal discoveries came from the

warm-ups themselves. We were liberating ourselves and poured scorn on those "real" actors who propped up the bar at the Salisbury pub while, proudly, we felt ourselves to be pioneers of the new movement. However, it was still the booze-and-fags brigade who were getting highly paid TV work while we contented ourselves with touring the outer reaches of Europe winning accolades unknown to anyone.

But in those heady days there was always one actor, recruited from the "straight" theatre, who wasn't happy unless he was sliding in his own vomit, and it was the one who managed somehow to sour the group: the boozer. There was always someone in each production who had a problem with his intake, especially when he was loosened from family and ties of England and could let himself go... abroad. Later, after the idealistic Sixties

and Seventies, life continued much as it had before. I formed groups and again toured the outer regions of Europe, and again there would

always be one or two who would enjoy a toot until they collapsed. The normal drinkers, curiously, thought of themselves as the "wets", since they felt dull for not poisoning their brains each night. I got used to the sour smell, the stinking breath, the lachrymose confessions.

That's why I wanted to form a company where we would continue to study, go to the gym and not end up as wine-tasters. The problem seems endemic in the theatre, and

even worse on film. I have no great wish to smile and tolerate the malfunctioning of an actor, and watch as the glory we have won so arduously and painstakingly is covered in grime when our hosts stare at us in disbelief. However, that is rare; our actors are usually way above the average.

Years ago, we had a first-class company but there was one actor we almost had to carry from town to town. He was on loan from a large subsidised company and we put it down to his previous under-usage that had demoralised him. Perhaps the material maketh the man. The junk movie and crap TV; the simplistic staging that makes little demands. Who knows or cares?

Bnt one day I should like to see a company of actors with the dedication of athletes.

The double standards that pass for Western diplomacy

AS I stepped out of the Radio 4 Today programme studio recently, after arguing with Malcolm Rifkind about how Muslims in this country are excluded from the corridors of power, a slightly edgy researcher told me that someone on the phone was screaming for my blood.

Was he a Christian terrorist, I immediately wondered? Absurd. Depraved people are always threatening to do away with loudmouths like me (most are white, angry, poisonously racist and anti-Muslim) and sometimes I get worried enough to put a hucket of water under the just because there are white loonies abroad, not all white people can stand accused.

When such things happen the other way round, bowever, and a Muslim is involved, then, as predictably as rain on a summer party Sunday, all of us Muslims are put ontrial. For a couple of days we do the rounds, being questioned by badtempered men in the media about Muslims behaving madly. The steps are well practised. Militant Muslims such as Abu Hamza, the infamous imam of the Finsbury Park mosque who held a press conference yesterday to condemn their host country, cry Jihad and the end of the West. The media laps up the drops of imagined blood. Moderates then rush in to proclaim how wonderfully peaceful Islam is (instead of being onest enough to say that it should be, but is manifestly not in too many parts of the world - and in pockets here in Britain), or theorise about why some of our young men are so angry and drawn to extremist politics. Politicians say anodyne things about their good Muslim con-



YASMIN ALIBHAI-BROWN

How long will we carry on sending out Eton-educated Cuthberts as our ambassadors?

stituents, and fierce things about militants and Saddam Hussein. The danse macabre ends and we all get back into our boxes.

Only this time, with Yemen, it is so borribly complicated that we are all stumbling to keep upright. And the inadequacy of analysis by the media, politicians and Muslims is being sbown up. It seems extraordinary that not one politician I have heard has shown the courage to make the links between the kidnappings, the recent bombing of Iraq, Israeli intransigence, and now Kosovo. The obvious influence wielded by the terrifying Captain Hook in Finsbury Park mosque is only en-

hanced by the political failure. Terrorism of the heart grows when you feel you are being lied to. or when your justified rage is being treated with indifference. There is much talk in New Labour circles of joined-up government, yet, when it comes to crises such as the Yemen.

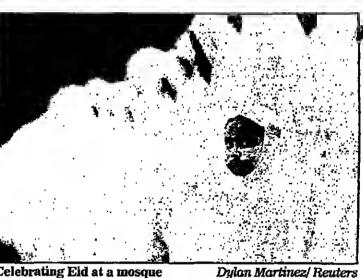
the Government seems unable to think about the relationship hetween global and domestic policies. Even the most self-critical Mus-

lims today have no doubts about the double standards that operate in what passes for sophisticated Western diplomacy. We are not so stupid that we can't see bow past Western decisions have created the monsters that now threaten so much of what we bold dear. The way we are reacting is also bound up with the way we feel we are being disregarded. Yemen has also revealed other

weaknesses in the way we operate. They are people of this island, not spooky Martians stalking It. There can be little doubt that there was a difference - as the families of the men complained - between the official responses to the white victims of kidnapping and the brown men

held for so long without charges. It was only really when Monica Davis, the white wife of one of the men, started speaking out, that the case began to get attention. We got a national frenzy over Louise Woodward, and the nurses in Saudi Arabia, hut nothing has been done about Krishna Maharaj, a British Asian businessman who has been on death row in Florida for 10 years for murders of which many believe he is innocent. Our foreign policy is still based on the idea of them and us.

Where are the policy-makers with imagination to see that this image is dangerously out of date? How long are we going to carry on sending out Eton-educated Cuthherts who should instead be redeployed as guides in the Victoria & Albert museum? I shudder to think what an imperial leftover like Sir David Gore-



Celebrating Eid at a mosque

Booth has been doing as our High Commissioner in India.

Why don't we have Muslim or Hindu British ambassadors to go into tetchy countries and do the joh that now needs to be done? I could send the Foreign Office a list of urbane, educated, deeply attractive men and women, who could serve this country and change our presence in the world. In the Seventies the US used Andrew Young as a roving ambassador in Africa with beneficial results.

But it is not only the political élite that needs to re-educate itself. We Muslims do, too. I reject the myth that we are all simple, put-upon, misunderstood people, or that even the most appalling Islamic country must be excused to prevent Western hegemony. Our mosques are, on the whole, places of prayer. Some are more than that. One or two are involved in hrainwashing the young.

All good Muslims should stand up and denounce these places, and support government action to con-

trol and punish the people respon 4 sible. Other mosques are creating terrible unhappiness within families by insisting on the coercion of young women and men. All these places have imams who are sponsored by countries such as Saudi Arabia. British Muslims should fight to

have these people ejected and deported. We need imams who are of the West and who can guide our young through the complexities of what it means to be a British Muslim; how you keep your identity and fight against Islamophobia, but also shed those aspects of cultural life that violate human rights, and not resist many modern ideas thatfe are essential in the world to come. If we don't take responsibility and change our communities, what right do we have to complain?

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the 105th Congress, distinguished guests and my fellow Americans. For 209 years, it has been the president's duty to report to you on the state of the union. Because of the hard work and high purpose of the American people, these are good times for America. Our leadership in

the world is unrivalled. Ladies and gentlemen, the state of our union is strong. However, with barely 700 days left in the 20th century, this is

not a time to rest. It is a time to build - to build the America that is within reach. An America where everybody has a chance to get ahead with hard work, where every citizen can live in a safe community, where families are strong, where schools are good and where all our young people

can go on to college. An America where our scientists find cures for diseases from diabetes to Alzheimer's to Aids.

An America where every child can stretch a hand across a keyboard and reach every book ever written, every painting ever painted, every sym-

MR SPEAKER, Mr Vice phony ever composed. An President, members of America which leads the world to new heights of peace and prosperity. This is the America we have begun to build.

We are moving steadily towards an even stronger America in the 21st century, an economy that offers opportunity, a society rooted in responsibility and a nation that lives as a community.

Americans in this chamber and across our nation have pursued a new strategy for prosperity: fiscal discipline to cut interest rates and spur growth. Investments in education and skills and science and technology and transportation to prepare our people for the new economy. New markets for American products

and American workers. For three decades, six presdents have come before you to warn of the damage deficits pose to our nation. Tonight I come before you to announce that the federal deficit, once so incomprehensibly large that it had 11 zeros, will be simply zero. I will submit to Congress for 1999 the first balanced bud-

get in 30 years. Here's the really good news: if we maintain our resolve, we



PODIUM BILL CLINTON

From the State of the Union address delivered by the President to the United States Congress

will produce balanced budgets as far as the eye can see. Let us say - let us say to all Americans watching tonight whether you're 70 or 50 or whether you have just started paying into the system - social security will be there when

you need it. I also want to say that all the American people who are watching us tonight should be invited to join in this discussion. In facing these issues squarely In forming a true consensus on how we should proceed. We will start by conducting nonpartisan forums in every region of the country. And I hope that law-makers

of both parties will participate. Last year, from this podium, I said that education has to be our highest priority. I laid out a 10-point plan to move us forward and urged all of us to let politics stop at the school-

Since then, this Congress, across party lines, and the American people have responded in the most important year for education in a generation.

I have something to say to very family listening to us onight. Your children can go on to college. If you know a child from a poor family, tell ber not to give up. She can go on to college. If you know a young couple struggling with hills, worried they won't be able to send their children to college, tell them not to give up - their

children can go on to college. If you know somebody who's caught in a dead-end job and afraid he can't afford the classes necessary to get better jobs for the rest of his life, tell

him not to give up – he can go on to college.

Because of the things that have been done, we can make college as universal in the 21st century as high school is today. And, my friends, that will change the face and the future of America.

We have opened wide the doors of the world's best system of higher education Now we must make our public elementary and secondary. schools the world's best.

A strong nation rests on the rock of responsibility. A society rooted in responsibility must first promote the value of work, not welfare. We can be proud that, after decades of fingerpointing and failure, together we ended the old welfare system. And we're now replacing welfare checks with paychecks. Child care is the next frontier we must face to

enable people to succeed. We must work together, learn together, live together, serve together. On the forge of common enterprise, Americans of all backgrounds can hammer out a common identity. God hless you and God hless the

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A battle too far for Paddy

PADDY ASHDOWN has been a very impatient man. Not for nothing was one of his more enduring nicknames "Tigger". And typically Paddy is as fond of his jogging as most politicians are of life's softer pleasures. As a result, those of us who worked for him found him extremely difficult to keep up with, physically and intellectually. Indeed, his liking for the Somerset countryside, and a hrisk walk as we discussed the challenges facing the party, ruined at least one pair of perfectly good shoes of mine. But as he looks forward to an easier pace of life, he can reflect that he lived up to almost all of the political challenges placed in his path, and brought himself and his party closer to power than any previous leader since Lloyd George, is more than sufficient to secure his place in history. The achievement of influence through the joint Cahinet committee with the Government on first constitutional, and later foreign affairs, was something that his immediate predecessors could only dream about.

That Paddy is retiring because he feels he has achieved all he can for his party is sad, but to me, not so startling. Teo years is prohably enough, as David Steel suggested in an article for this paper to mark Paddy's decade as leader. Although I only worked with him for a very short time. I quickly found that Paddy Ashdown was a man who would always have to have something to run for. I think that he has run out of things to run for, despite his recent close personal relationship with Tony Blair. Having a project to run at was what made him tick, politically.

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When he was a soldier he had battles to fight and wars to win. He tells a good tale about some of these. He wandered into politics - convinced, be always said, by an odd littie Liberal man in an anorak who turned up on his doorstep in 1971 and who wanted to talk to him shout "community politics". Not his type, you would think, but he soon got used to the men in sandals, and his earlier flirtation with the Labour Party was finally extinguished. His next alm was to secure a seat and win it. He turned up in Yeovil, partly through family connections of his wife Jane's, and after a pot at it in 1979, went on to win in 1983, securing the largest swing against the Conservative Party in the country. The seat was in the West Country, with some Liberal tradition. But the scale of the turndown to a certain force of personality. After be became leader he inherited a party that couldn't even decide on its own name ("Democrats" was his own preference, one of the few mistakes, he joked, that he was ashamed to own up to).

Politically his first task - anoththing to run for - was to finish off the other two political minnows he found himself in competition with. Despite the occasional overture. Dr David Owen's "continuing SDP",



SEAN O'GRADY

Those of us working for him found him difficult to keep up with, physically and intellectually

little more than a fan club for the Doc, proved for a short while an effective and irritating distraction. Trickier to deal with were the Greens, who were in fact grabbing part of the old Liberal appeal to environmentalism. They too were seen off. The 1992 election was a staging post, a chance to prove that the party could, more or less, hold its own, which it did. Another project completed.

But the political challenge which most tested Ashdown, and which he tried turning to his advantage, was in the shape of that new kid on the hlock Tony Blair, who hecame Labour leader in 1994.

Blair challenged Padcy's monopoly for freshness and energy when he became Labour leader in 1994. Coming to terms with a "younger man" was not going to be easy. More significant though, was the political sublimation of Blair. Rightly or wrongly, Paddy came to the view that Blair was, in fact, "one of us". That is that Blair, in his unideological, pragmatic, progressive, modernising way was in fact a Liberal, albeit in the loosest sense of the word. Or at least that he had the potential so to become. It was a judgement that many in his own party would find difficult to accept. The thing that Paddy Ashdown began to run for now was power. Having weaned his party off "equidistance" between Labour and the Tories, he began running for office. The convergence between the two parties, halting and untidy,

might accommodate that ambition. It might have been possible, say in a hung parliament or some other politically surprising situation, to have hoped realistically for a place in government. This would be on principle, as he always said to do something rather than be somemoment has now, probably, passed (although constitutionalists will point out that you can be a minister and not leader of the Lib Dems).

True, the Cabinet Committee offered much opportunity for influence. But the essential task - of setting it up and making it work -

My guess is that as he yomped with his beloved pet mongrel, Luke, around the hills near his home he reflected on what the next few Ashdown's office, 1997-1998

years offered him, and found less than usual to run for. Paddy sometimes confided that he found too much of his time occupied by fairly pointless ritual, a piece of contitutional wallpaper, turning up to things for reasons of protocol. If he had ever made it to the Foreign Office, he would have found such duties irksome. Another four or five years as leader of the Lih Dems, struggling for attention, often ignored, and without the prospect of power, it all rather palled.

In many ways Paddy Ashdown will play Neil Kinnock to his successor's Tony Blair. In other words he will have done much, even most, of the hard work on changing his party, but will be unable to reap the final reward. Most significant, he will not be around to see the dream realised. When it does come, we will witness what Paddy always sloganised as "the new politics". He will bequeath to his successor an impressive legacy (although not one without its debts and problems). He has done an enormous amount to achieve the hig thing he was running for - the historic reconciliation between the progressive parties of the "centre-left". But he read too much, perhaps, into Tony Blair's liberalism, which is not as thoroughgoing or unequivocal as he thought. It is a little wishful, or possibly ironic, to place Blair in a line with Gladstone, Lloyd George or Keynes. He also, if this does not sound too bizarre, placed a little too much faith in the intentions of one man, even if he is the Prime Minister. It was apparent to me that not everyone in Government was as enthusiastic about our habit of working together as their leader was. Many had rather tribal instincts.

Paddy will miss the Party. He genuinely (and in stark contrast to Lord Steel) retained a sympathy with the party's grass roots that few other political leaders could boast after 10 years at the top. His party was sometimes suspicious of him but always had that nagging doubt that Paddy had been right before. He did have strategic sense. He loved policy. Paddy will not, bowever, miss the

House of Commons. He did not choose parliamentarians, on the whole, for his friends and was not the "clubbable" type. He had little time for the traditions and flummery that seem to enchant so many others. I suspect he also felt bad about the deliberate disrespect MPs showed at Prime Minister's Questions, but he certainly did not Paddy would have made an ideal

Foreign or Defence minister, his background and knowledge perfectly suited to the task. Whether Paddy and Jane would relish taking up the life abroad again is a more moot point. At all events, he will spend more time with his family, and may even write his memoirs. They will be an exciting tale.

The nuther was head of Paddy



Paddy Ashdown relaxes in the Leader's office after another strategy session

RIGHT OF REPLY

MARK **BYFORD**



of the BBC World Service responds to claims that the service is being damaged by cuts

RECENT PRESS reports about cuts in BBC World Service funding have been misleading and misinformed.

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Last year, World Service put in a hid for additional funding, and was awarded an extra £44m from the Foreign Office phased over the next three years - £30m for programmes and services and £14m to support new capital investments.

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Discussions about our three-year plan are still contiming with the Foreign Office. but I hope to announce full and accurate details soon.

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Can you imagine yourself rich?

MAYBE IT is because money is such an insubstantial thing that most of us have a hard time getting enough of it. After all, the notes and coins in our pockets - themselves purely symbolic form only a tiny portion of the money in circulation. Most of it consists of electronic impulses. Indeed, so unreal is modern money that credit card companies in the US have issued astic to a dog, according to one of the

cheery anecdotes in this hook. As a result of the ease with which money can be created, it can also be democratised. Funny Money is a grass-roots manifesto. It brings new meaning to the injunction to go out and make some money. After all, airlines do just that when they issue air miles, and stores do it when they issue loyalty points. As do communities when they launch what are known in this country as local exchange trading



THURSDAY BOOK

FUNNY MONEY: IN SEARCH OF ALTERNATIVE CASH BY DAVID BOYLE, HARPERCOLLINS, £14.99

schemes (Lets) and in the US as "time dollars" schemes.

The latter are alternative, notional currencies issued in return for the time or effort of scheme members. There are several variants, but basically the scheme registers work done for other members in the form of credits, and members can draw on their saved credits to huy services in return. Most systems are run hy an organiser with a personal computer.

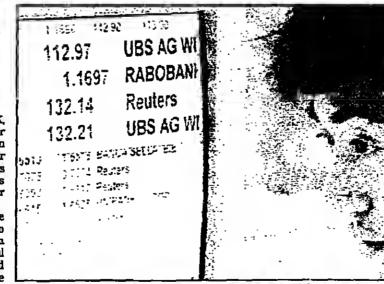
Edgar Cahn, the American forefather of the hundreds of Lets

schemes now in operation in the UK, noted that everybody is equal in their inheritance of time. Fancy lawyers can command a high dollar price for their time. Unemployed single mothers cannot hut through a time dollars scheme can draw value from their time and effort.

We all do this informally when we take part in babysitting circles or do favours for neighbours and family in the unspoken give-and-take of social life. The schemes backed by David Boyle and campaigners such as the New Economics Foundation do it more formally, as a means of enriching some of the poorest and most excluded members of society.

Conventional economists tend to be a bit sniffy about alternative-money schemes. Parts of this book will confirm the hard-headed sceptic in his view that the idea is a hit flaky. For example, in a concluding list of advice, Mr Boyle urges us to "create wealth ... by imagining it, visualising it - or just by being more generous with it Though to do so you have to let go of the deadwood emotions of the past and embrace the future with some enthusiasm, which is sometimes difficult when you are grindingly poor".

Certainly, nobody who is conventionally wealthy got that way by such a New Age approach, Self-made man is, on the contrary, typically a rather stingy and obsessive beast, a workaholic and the last person to buy a round down the pub. However, for the merely comfortable, there is a lot of good sense in advice that can be boiled down creating a new currency is a counter monetary democracy.



Most modern money is just a series of electronic impulses

about money. It is the same in the end as the basic precept that money and value can differ. Different values can have their own currency.

The catch is that we all need a certain amount of conventional money to huy conventional goodies. We all need some global electronic money to be part of the world economy, as well as some homespun value to be rooted in our local economy. Mr Boyle's last piece of advice - "don't shop" - is, at least for flighty people such as me, a serious turn-off. It's a bit of the joyless puritanism about consumerism to comfortably-off alike to use free which so many alternative and green thinkers are prone.

alternative. Its guru, Amy Dacyczyn, make her cheap sneakers last. This is dominance - in cyberspace, through a lot weirder than visualising money. to keeping a sense of perspective attack. There are signs that the money

establishment is taking alternative electronic currencies a hit more seriously. Bernard Lietaer, who once worked in Belgium's central bank, is one convert trying to persuade bankers and politicians that, if they don't watch out, a whole new parallel

economy will have emerged. And, after all, money is power. As Mr Boyle reminds us, Virginia and Maryland started minting their own currencies just ahead of the American Revolution, Alternative currencies are a potent means for the poor and markets and new technology - so often seen as the weapons of the This is why "downshifting" is so haves against the have-nots - morder deeply unappealing and depressing an to break the monopoly of conventional money. The world in which the dollar has a three-year system of rotation to and euro are slugging it out for global the computers of the big investment It is the counsel of defeat, whereas banks - is ripe for an outbreak of

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THURSDAY POEM

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BY LANGSTON HUGHES

What happens to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up

like a raisin in the sun?

Or fester like a sore -

And then run?

Does it stink like rotten meat?

Or crust and sugar over -

like a syrupy sweet?

Maybe it just sags

like a heavy load.

Or does it explode?

Aldo van Eyck

design was increasingly being reduced to a problem-solving discipline, the Dutch architect Aldo van Eyck defended the idea that architecture, beyond being merely functional, should be a bearer of meaning.

He gave new momentum to the notion of architecture as a language with an emotional impact and a social-cultural scope, as the primary visual medium with which human society expresses and reveals itself. He acted as the conscience of architecture and defended his humanist views with unremitting energy often going against both the routines of established Modernism and the deviations of Post-Modernism.

Van Eyck from the outset occupied a distinct place in post-war architecture. From 1947, when he joined CIAM, the International Association of Modern Architecture, he took a critical attitude towards the prevailing functionalism. At a time when the building industry was abundantly endowed with commissions and plunged rather thoughtlessly into a euphoric flush of production, van Eyck was almost the only architect at the core of the modern movement to formulate a critique of modern architecture. He strongly opposed its reductive rationalism, its obsession with industrial production and its alienating abstractions

Van Eyck held the conviction that 20th-century avant-garde art and science had revealed a new world view, inaugurating a "new reality" which he considered to be the most legitimate base for the development of contemporary culture. He set himself the life-task of actualising it in the field of architecture. That is why in the early Eighties he reacted so strongly against Post-Modernism, which he saw as an aberration, a betrayal of the original Modernist ideals.

His identification with the 20thcentury avant garde did however not mean that he shut himself off from the past. He also developed an original outlook on tradition; he nurtured a long-lasting interest in the heritage of classical Western culture and the archaic constants of a wide variety of non-Western cultures. From and John Voelcker (England), Team this rich intellectual substrata, he 10, the group of angry young archi-

unusual eloquence.

received a classical but unconventional education at King Alfred School, Hampstead (1924-32), and Sidcot School, Somerset (1932-35), where he concentrated on classic English literature, and nourished a passionate interest in Symbolist poetry from Blake to Yeats.

He studied architecture in the Hague (1935-38), and at the Zürich Eidgenössiche Technische Hochschule (ETH, 1938-42), where architectural design was largely dominated by the solid functionalism of Rudolph Salvisberg, he was taught among others by the Baroque art historian Linus Birchler, and attended the classical design course of the Beaux-Arts veteran A. Laverrière.

At the end of his Zürich studies van Eyck got involved in the Giedion circle, and became close friends with Carola Giedion-Welcker, who was one of the first classically schooled art historians engaged in an in-depth study of modern art. She introduced the young van Eyck into the world of the 20th-century avant garde and brought him in touch with such artists as Arp, Lohse, Vantongerloo, Giacometti, Ernst and Brancusi, and the Dadaist Tristan Tsara. This proved to be of fundamental importance for the constitution of van Eyck's world view and cultural ideology.

In 1943 he married Hannie van Roojen, a Dutch fellow student whom he met in Zürich. After the war, he returned to Holland and settled in Amsterdam where Cor van Eesteren engaged him in the Municipal Office of Public Works (1946-51). There he designed a large series of public playgrounds, enabling him to start the experimental development of his formal language. At the same time he became in-

volved in the Cohra Movement (1948-51). He took on the defence of its fiery artists and designed the layouts of their major exhibitions. In 1947 he became a member of the Dutch CIAM group "de 8 on Op-bouw", which appointed him as a del-egate to international CIAM. Both in national and international meetings, he took a critical stand from the start. In 1954 he founded, with Jaap Bakerna (Holland), Georges Candilis (France), Alison and Peter Smithson tects who rejected the established Piet Mondrian: "the culture of par-

FROM THE early Sixties, when 1918, but grew up in England. He based on "patterns of human association". Van Eyck proved to be one of the most inspired members of this group. He developed a personal version of the Team 10 ideology, a view he expounded in the Dutch architectural journal Forum, of which he was an editor from 1959 till 1963.

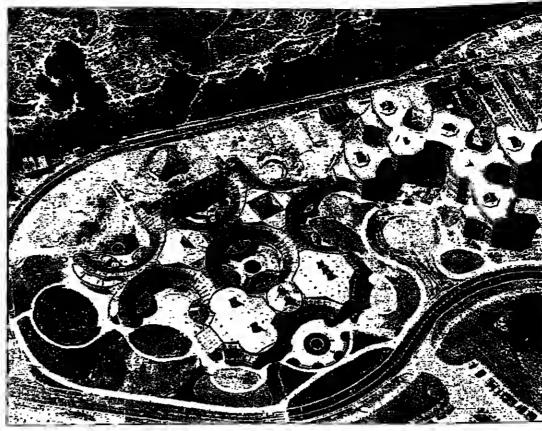
After some minor projects (houses, schools, exhibitions), he gave his ideas a fully elaborated form in the Amsterdam Orphanage (1955-60), "a house like a tiny city". This building earned world-wide admiration and was paradigmatic for a new design approach, the so-called "configurative" or "structuralist" approach which mainly developed in Holland. Meanwhile van Eyck made his ideas concrete: in the competition project for a Protestant church at Driebergen (1963, a prize-winning but unexecuted design), a Catholic church at the Hague (1964-69) and the Sculp-

ture Pavilion for Sonsbeek (1965). Afterwards he applied his approach in the context of historical towns, first in his competition design for the Deventer town hall (1966, another prize-winning but unexecuted project), and then in the urban renewal projects for the Amsterdam Nieuwmarkt and Jordaan quarters (1970), and for the inner cities of Zwolie (1971-75) and Dordrecht (1975-81). His most striking contextual building is the Hubortus House in Amsterdam, a home for single parents and their children (1978-81), which integrates a functionalist language within an eclectic context.

From 1983 Van Eyck worked in association with his wife Hannie. Their institutional projects such as a church for the Moluccan community of Deventer (1983-92), the ESTEC complex in Noordwijk (1994-89) and the Auditor's Office in the Hague (1992-97), were characterised by biomorphic forms and flowing space.

Unlike many modern architects, van Eyck did not limit his love of modern art to constructivist currents. He wished to embrace all avant-garde currents, from Cubism to Dadaism, from De Still to Surrealism. In spite of their mutual oppositions, he conceived them as the diverse aspects of the same rich new reality, which he moreover considered to be grounded on one fundamental idea: the idea of relativity.

Van Eyck used to summarise this view with a pithy statement of tres and symmetries. analytical method of CIAM, and ticular form is approaching its end. oped does not appear to be a universe Van Eyck was born in Holland in generated a new design approach The culture of determined relations of equal, repetitive spaces, but places ideas in his teachings and major died Amsterdam 14 January 1999.



Van Eyck believed in an interaction of opposites: 'A house must be like a small city if it's to be a real home, a city like a large house if it's to be a real city'

has begun". In this new culture, every frame of reference is equally legitimate, all standpoints are relative, every standpoint can be regarded as central. But relativity by no means stands for relativism. Relativity implies that things, in spite of their relative autonomy, are strongly related and that these relations are indeed as important as

the things themselves. To realise this paradoxical yet cheerful idea in architecture, van Eyck appealed to the proper spatial means of architecture. From his first designs, the Amsterdam playgrounds, he set up mutually shifting frames of reference, marked equivalent standpoints, and relativised the conventional spatial hierarchies by the establishment of eccentric cen-



Top, the European Space Agency at Noordwijk, designed by van Eyck to Germany to work in labour camps,

of various measures and density which contrast with each other and disclose different perspectives. In the "new reality", opposites such as part-whole, unity-diversity, largesmall, many-few, inside-outside, individual-collective must be reconciled in what van Eyck called a "twinphenomenon", an interaction of two opposites which only really show up by their mutual contrast.

Thus, small can only he appreciated in relation to large and vice versa. Van Eyck exemplified this idea with his 1960 metaphor of the large house and the small city: "A house must be like a small city if it's to be a real home; a city like a large house if it's to be a real city. In fact, what is large without being small has no more real size than what is small without being large. If there is no real

On occasion Aspinall would take Smith with him in his Bentley on

trips to Windsor to transcribe doc-

uments in the Royal Archives. More

formally, he worked for both Aspinall

and Sir Lewis Namier as a research

assistant on the History of Parlia-

ment. These efforts received some

recognition when he was credited

with Aspinall as joint editor of a

weighty edition of English Histori-

cal Documents 1783-1832 (1959).

writings. He taught art history at the Enschede Art and Industry Academy (1951-54), architectural design at the Academy of Applied Art (1950-66) and the Academy of Architecture. both in Amsterdam. From 1966 to 1985 he was a professor at the Delft Polytechnic, and from 1966 to 1984 he was Professor of Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania.

He received the Royal Gold Medal of the Royal Institute of British Architects (1990), the Fritz Schumacher Prize (1992) and the Wolf Prize (1998). He was knighted Officer in the Order of Oranje Nassau and Commander in the Order of the Dutch Lion (1998).

FRANCIS STRAUVEN

Aldo van Eyck, architect: born Driebergen, Holland 16 March 1918; Van Eyck frequently set forth his jendied (one son, one daughter);

Always immaculately dressed,

remarkable energy became obvious

to all after he had retired. In the vi-

vacious company of his third wife,

Virginia, he threw himself into the

life of the communities of which they

were a part at Henley and Dorking.

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last eight years of hia life he pro-

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time of his death he was already be-

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YVES JOUFFA began to practise as a lawyer immediately after the Second World War, and was a member of the Paris bar until his retirement in 1992. He was a specialist in the law concerning building and reconstruction. But his main preoccupation was with liberty and justice, both on behalf of the individual and of groups in society.

His experience of persecution was very personal. Jouffa's father had been an officer in the Tsanst army, who had deserted because he was fearful of anti-Semitism. He came to Paris and went into business. beginning as a shopkeeper. He lived in the 12th arrondissement which was crowded and without social distinction, and it was there that his son Yves was born in 1920. Yves Jouffa went to local schools and to the Lycée Rollin before becoming partially qualified as a lawyer at the Paris Faculty.

He served in the French army, was demobilised in 1940 and finished his legal training. But on 20 August 1941 he was arrested by the Vichy police because he was Jewish. He was one of 4,000 picked up on that day and taken to the camp at Drancy. This was an unfinished housing estate near the Le Bourget airport. It was opened specially to take in the prisoners from this particular round-up.

Conditions were atrocious. Prisoners slept 50 to a room and the camp oners slept 50 to a room and the camp was almost entirely lacking m water and electricity. But Jouffa became one of the leaders of the inmates and remained in touch with the survivors after the war. (He became the President of the association of those who had been imprisoned in Drancy).

The authorities released Jouffa in September 1942 and, refusing to go he joined a resistance unit in the Sarthe department, and during 1944 fought in Normandy.

After the war his political activities were not centred on personal ambition. He joined small, intellectual groups which had oothing in common with the Communists, since they opposed the tyrannical system of the Soviet Union, and little in common with the socialists, who were prepared to serve in any government. As a lawyer Jouffa distinguished



Liberty and justice Reuters

himself by his determined defence of individuals. In 1954 he was, along with Andre Breton, one of the com-Tony Smith radiated a sense of mittee who fought for the release leisured calm. That this concealed from prison of Messali Hadi, the Algerian nationalist leader. In 1968 he defended the Trotskyist Alain Krivine, who had been imprisoned as the leader of the revolutionary Communist movement, and in 1969 argued successfully before the Conseil Constitutionnel that Krivine had the right to stand as a candidate in the

vealed that 40 years of teaching and 1969 Presidential elections. asm for history undiminished. In the In 1984 Jouffa became the President of the Lique des droits de duced five books, more than many l'homme, a prestigious organisation sen founded at the time of the Dreyfus affair, at the turn of the century. His activities were many and varied. He fought for the rights of immigrants and for the prosecution of the collaborator and war criminal Touvier. He fought for the rights of women and against the excessive powers of the police. He assisted in

Perhaps the organisation to which he was the most attached was the Committee for the Defence of the Memory of Racist and Anti-Semilic

DOUGLAS JOHNSON

Yves Jouffa, lawyer and human rights campaigner: born Paris 28 January 1920; twice married (two children); died Paris 13 January 1999.

E. A. Smith

THE DEATH of E. A. Smith just two at the parish church of Remenham days after that of Ian Christie within one week deprived the scholarly community of two outstanding historians of later Georgian England.

Through a career spanning more than 40 years Smith remained fascinated by the history of the decades between the French revolution and the passage of the Great Reform Act in 1832. He strayed occasionally - a brief history of the press in 1970 was followed by a study of the 19thcentury House of Lords two decades later. But his reputation is founded on his contribution to our understanding of the Whig political tradition and, latterly, to the history of the monarchy in the early 19th century. a period when that institution appeared, if anything, even more troubled than today.

At a time when the historical profession was being rapidly transformed, above all by the rise of social history, Smith remained unapologetically attached to the traditions of political and constitutional history. In his view, that approach taught important lessons about the dangers of abstract principles and innovation, and about the British preference for gradual and organic change. It will have come as no surprise to those who attended his funeral that, in his retirement, he found a spiritual home

in Berkshire, where the main Sunday service, matins, followed the 1662 **Book of Common Prayer**

firmly convinced of the virtues of narrative as a mode of historical writing. His most important works were fourth Earl Fitzwilliam, was a masterpiece of its kind. A deeply researched and sensitive portrayal of a largely forgotten figure, it was also a subtle and illuminating investigafrom the era of Rockingham and Burke to that of Grey and Russell historical issues such as these.

ous. Lord Grey, 1764-1845, published in 1990, the year of Smith's retirement from Reading University, was another magisterial work. By this time, however, he was becoming increasingly interested in the life of George IV. This led to A Queen on Trial a volume on the Queen Caroline affair, published, with wonderful timing, in 1993, as news of other royal affairs was coming to dominate the

Nor is it surprising that Smith was

all biographies. The first, Whig Principles and Party politics: Earl Fitzwilliam and the Whig party, 1748-1833 (1975), a study of the tion of the survival of whig principles For Smith hiography was not perhaps the only, but it was certainly the most appropriate, way of exploring

Later subjects were more obvi-

His enthusiasm for history was undiminished. In the last eight years of his life he produced five books, more than many historians write in a lifetime

attention of the tabloid press, and his major new hiography of the most colourful British monarch of the 18th and 19th centuries is due to appear

Had Lord Grey been published a few years earlier Smith would surely have been rewarded with a personal chair. As it was he had to wait until 1991 for the arguably more prestigious accolade of a LittD from Cambridge, his undergraduate university.

Born in Grimethorpe in the West Riding in 1924, Smith followed the only route to Cambridge for a lowermiddle-class boy of his generation by



winning an open scholarship to Emmanuel College in 1942. War service in the RAF intervened - his eyesight was too bad for the Army - and he did not take up his place until October 1947. Having married while still an undergraduate, he decided to pursue a career in teaching and moved to Reading in 1949 to take a diploma in education.

Here he was spotted by Arthur Aspinall, Professor of History at Reading, who appointed him to an assistant lectureship in 1951. For some years, however, he was effectively Aspinall's research assistant.

To a young lecturer appointed in the late 1980s Smith provided a personal link with a distant past, when the history department had numbered only four people and when it had been possible to embark on an academic career without a PhD. He had deep loyalty and commitment to the department, the university and, indeed. Reading itself He chaired innumerable committees, instituted the university's staff journal and

played a leading role in establishing the Reading Festival.
But it was obvious that his first loyalty was to his students, among many geoerations of whom he inspired gratitude and affection. Young colleagues were equally beneficiaries of his willingness always to make time to provide advice and encouragement - the only time he ever locked himself away was to write As-

pinall's obituary for The Times.

STEPHEN TAYLOR

Ernest Anthony Smith, historian: born Grimethorpe, Yorkshire 25 many reforms of the penal system. December 1924; Assistant Lecturer. Reading University 1951-54, Lecturer 1954-64, Senior Lecturer 1964-76, Reader 1976-90; married 1948 Daphine Greenhaigh (one Persecutions. son, one daughter; marriage dissolved 1978), 1978 Anne Pallis ter (died 1986), 1988 Virginia Willcar (one stepson, one stepdaughter); died Redhill, Surrey 27 November 1998.

Ivan Francescato



rugby-playing brothers, four of whom played for Italy - the family was the first to achieve such an honour for major rugby-playing nation. He made 38 international appearances for Italy, proving his immense natural talent as scrum half and then centre for the Azzurri.

Francescato made an important contribution towards taking the Italian game to the brink of the big time. In 2000, Italy's inclusion alongside the traditional five nations will make it a Six Nations Championship for the first time. Francescato's sudden

IVAN FRANCESCATO was one of six death has left Italian rugby mourning one of its favourite sons. He died within hours of complaining to his father that he felt unwell.

Francescato was not the biggest of players, at a comple of inches under six feet, but his trademark flowing long hair meant that he always stood out in a crowd. Off the field, his hubbly nature made him a

hugely popular player. Roy Bish, the Welshman who coached Italy between 1975 and 1977, knew the Francescato family well and selected three of the brothers for the Azzurri:

The Francescato family came to Treviso from Sardinia. The boys' father had a smallholding and grew asparagus. It was a tough, concentrated working lifestyle and the Sardinian characteristics came shining through in the play of all the brothers. They were physically hard, were all so strong, fast and ciever and were extremely skilful.

Born in 1967, Ivan was the youngest of six brothers; three, Luigi, Rino, Bruno, who played at international level, and two, Luca and Manuel, who played at club level in Serie A. Ivan took up rugby as a teenager and joined a local club, Tarvisium. He played for them for 1995 World Cup.

several years, gaining international recognition as a Tarvisium player before joining Treviso's senior side in 1992. He was a stalwart of the Benetton Treviso side in all four of their European Cup campaigns and helped his club win the Italian Championship in 1997 and 1998 and

the Italian Cup in 1998. He scored 16 tries for his country, including one on his international début in a match against Romania in 1990. He was voted one of the best players in the 1991 World Cup, hosted by England, and also played in the

Treviso club-mate, said:

I first saw Ivan play during the 1991 World Cup when he was the Italian scrum ball and he scored a wonderful try against the USA. It was superb stuff. try against the USA. It was superb stuff. Every World Cup produces a player from a lesser nation who captures the public eye and Ivan was that player eight years ago. He was adored for the way he played the game. If he found himself in a bit of space there would be that huge sidestep and, with his hair flying everywhere, he would be gone. He was not hig or powerful, but he was clearly not big or powerful, but he was electric and the supporters loved him.

Francescato and the Treviso full

Michael Lynagh, the Australian fly back Piero Dotto had opened a bar half and Francescato's Benetton in Treviso and Francescato's personality meant it quickly became a place for the players and supporters to meet. He had been recovering from injury sustained shortly after he won his last cap in an international against South Africa in Bologna in 1997, and the lure of playing in the Six Nations would have been the spur he needed to reclaim his Azzurri place.

JOHN KENNEDY Ivan Francescato, rugby player: born Treviso, lialy 10 February 1967; died Treviso 18 January 1999.

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Frank West "THE COUNTRY parson must be a student of human nature, well aware of all

its complexities. He must be gifted with humour, understanding, and patience."

So wrote Frank West in 1960, when he was Archdeacon of Newark, in his hook The Country Parish Today and to experience of persons been personal double the factor of the Tay of the factor of t Tomorrow. Now, almost 40 years later, the wisdom which he packed into that influential book is as relevant as ever. He quoted Bishop Ken in support of the strict discipline of reciting the daily office in the church. He asserted that the primary duly of a parish priest is to be the intercessor on behalf of the people". All his wisdom, and much more, made the book a classic.

There was soon a demand for a second edition, which appeared four years later. This attempted to look further into the future and to predict likely patterns of the church's ministry. To some extent, events may have overtaken his predictions; but on the whole they have been justified. He welcomed A.C. Smith's The South Ormsby Experiment in a review calling it "the most significant essay in pastoral reorganisation since

West was well equipped to write the book because he was a parish priest at heart. For the first eight years of his time as an archdeacon he was also the incumbent of a country parish in Nottinghamshire (Unton, followed by East Retford) until it was considered that the work of an archdeacon was too demanding to allow the double task; but he gave up his parish with real regret.

During this period, he found time to write three more books: Rude Forefathers, the story of an English Village, 1600-1666 (1949); The Great North Road in Nottinghomshire (1956); and Sparrows of the Spirit (1957), which gave fascinating glimpses into the life and work of country parish priests in Nottinghamshire from 1583 to 1911. This last book, full of lively touches, was the result of considerable research.

The success of these writings can be traced back to West's time at Magdalene College, Cambridge, where he read History and Theology. He enjoyed hisuxical research, but that quest was pepened by a solid grounding in theology, which provided the Christian element and was linked to his intensely pastoral outlook. An example of his pastoral insight can be found in his book on and at the cathedral he enjoyed being the country parish: "Visiting is not out a member of the Chapter as Prebendary of date. Behind the practice there hes of Dinder. After nine years, he again

less than the Incarnation itself. In the visit of the parson the people recognise the outward and visible sign of the Church's care for them as individuals." He saw a sacramental principle underlying the practice of visiting.

West was born in St Albans in 1909. After attending Berkhamsted School, he went to Cambridge as an exhibitioner. He went to Ridley Hall Theological College, to which he returned as Chaplain after a curacy in Leeds.

His appointment as Vicar of Starbeck, near Harrogate, from 1938, was interrupted by the Second World War. He served with distinction as a Chaplain to the Forces from 1939 to 1946. In France he was wounded and saw his batman killed. He returned to active service in North Africa, Italy and South East Asia. where he was mentioned in dispatches. This period of his life taught him much

'Visiting is not out of date. Behind the practice lies a solid theological principle - nothing less than the Incarnation itself'

about human nature and about ministering to the spiritual needs of all types of people. The experience affected his subsequent ministry in civilian life.

After the war he was appointed Director of Service Ordination Candidates. The work involved interviewing countless men who offered themselves for ordination on being demobilised.

After 15 years as Archdeacon of Newark (1947-62), West was consecrated Bishop of Taunton. As suffragan to the Bishop of Bath and Wells, he found himself in the varied countryside of Somerset. It was the perfect setting for his rural interests, especially as he was able to combine the work with being a parish priest again. He and his family lived in the Old Rectory at Dinder, near Wells; a solid theological principle - nothing gave up his parish owing to an in-



West in 1962, the year he was consecrated Bishop of Taunton

creasing workload; but he did so with extreme reluctance. In the village be was greatly popular. He visited regularly, established a notable Parish Communion service on Sundays, and re-ordered the furnishings of the medieval church in a simple and dignified way.

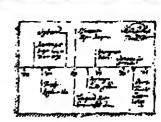
As suffragan hishop, many responsibilities came his way. One which he took very seriously was the direction of post-ordination training in the diocese. He held frequent meetings and discussions in his home.

West retired in 1977 to live in Aldbourne, near Marlborough. He developed a special ministry to schools, where his understanding of young people was greatly valued. He remained young in heart, and his warmth and humanity made him many friends. In 1980 he published a hiography of F.R. Barry. Bishop of Southwell, under whom he had served as archdeacon. He produced his

sixth and final book in 1987, The Story of a Wiltshire Country Church.

As he faced increasing infirmity, his wife Beryl remained faithfully at his side, as she had done throughout their happy marriage of more than 50 years.

Francis Horner West, priest; born St Albans, Hertfordshire 9 Jonuary 1909; ordained deacon 1933, priest 1934; Curate, St Agnes, Leeds 1933-36; Chaplain, Ridley Hall, Cambridge 1936-38; Vicar of Starbeck 1938-42; Director of Service Ordination Condidates 1946-47; Vicar of Upton 1947-51; Archdeacon of Newark 1947-62; Vicur of East Retford 1951-55; Bishop Suffragan of Taunton 1962-77; Prebendary of Wells 1962-77: Rector of Dinder, Somerset 1962-71; married 1947 Beryl Renwick (one son, one daughter); died Moriborough, Wiltshire 2 Jonuary 1999.



HISTORICAL NOTES

From personal tragedy to new ways of living

MOTHERHOOD IS a theme that has, unsurprisingly, been tackled by some of the great feminists of the post-Enlightenment era. Several of these writers, such as Simone de Beauvoir and Germaine Greer, have written about the topic without being mothers themselves. This has lent their arguments an appealing sweep and didacticism but it has also placed more emphasis on rationality and free will than many mothers feel themselves to possess in real life.

Other feminists have tackled the theme as a direct result of bearing and rearing children. Perhaps the greatest modern text on motherhood is Adrienne Rich's Of Woman Born: Motherhood as Experience and Institution (1977). This work spoke directly to a generation of highly-educated post-war women, many of whom found themselves plunged, from their early twenties, into sole care of home and children. Rich addressed the painful and deep ambivalence that so many women feel in relation

to their own offspring. The conflict between experience and polemic can be traced back to the work of one of the first feminist agitators of the modern era, Mary Wollstonecraft, who published her "Vindication of the Rights of Woman' in 1792. With its spirited arguments for women's economic and professional freedom, this lengthy pamphlet has been almost continually discussed since its first appearance.

Wollstonecraft was not a mother when she wrote it, although it touches often on the theme of motherhood. Rearing a family, she argued, was a perfectly proper occupation for a woman, unlike taking an unhealthy interest in one's appearance, but it must be undertaken in a spirit of selfreliance. To be a good mother, a woman must have sense and that independence of mind which few women possess who are taught to depend entirely on their husbands."

It has been suggested that Wollstonecraft's sharp observations may have dated from her experience as a governess in Ireland to the children of a large Anglo-Irish aristocratic clan, the Kingsboroughs. Wollstonecraft's jealousy of both her employer's fecundity and yet continuing sexual allure obviously informed some of the biting tone of a "Vindication".

One of the saddest aspects of Mary Wollstonecraft's life is how profoundly she was changed by her personal experience of love and motherbood. Two years after the publication of a "Vindication" she gave hirth to a baby girl, Fanny. Just a few months later, her lover and the baby's father, Gilbert Imlay, deserted her in brutal fashion. Distraught, Wollstonecraft tried to drown berself.

Later, she was required to pay off imlay's debts and support herself and her baby

daughter by undertaking a journalistic trip of Norway, Sweden and Denmark. The articles, written in the form of letters, speak of a very differ-ent Wollstonecraft to her earlier work. Their tone is sober and tender, particularly about her daughter Fanny:

I feel more than the dependent and oppressed state of her sex. I dread that she should be forced that she should be forced to sacrifice her heart to her principles, or principles to her heart. With trembling hand I shall cultivate sensibility, and cherish delicacy of sentiment. I dread to unfold her mind, lest it should render her unfit for the world she is to inhabit — Hap-less woman! What fate is thine!

It is impossible not to feel touched by Wollstonecraft's personal tragedy two centuries on. She was a volatile woman who risked all for love. But she also lived in an age where economic independence for women was a rarity and unmarried motherhood a scandal, And, of course, childbirth itself was a far greater physical risk than it is today. Wollstonecraft died of blood poisoning barely two weeks after the birth of ber second daughter. It is impossible not to feel deep gratitude to writers like her who have tried to argue for new ways of living for women, men and children, braving ridicule and hatred from the more conventional parts of society.

Melissa Benn is the author of "Madonna ond Child: towords a new politics of motherhood" (Vintage £7.99)

Josefina Piá

more women like Josefina Pià, the Spanish-born writer and artist who lived most of this century at her humhle suburban home in Ascunción. Not that Paraguay is short of courageous women in its recent history. It was Amen who held the country together when the male population was reduced to one tenth in the Triple Alliance war (1865-70), and then severely cut down again in the Chaco War in 1935.

But Josefina Piá was special. She kept an open house for all visitors who wanted to discuss history, literature and art, and equally for those who came to threaten her for her persistent opposition to the dictator Alfredo Stroessner, who ruled from 1954 to 1989.

Born in the Canary Islands in 1909, she went to Ascuncion in 1926 as the Domingo Martinez de Yrala.

PARAGUAY COULD have done with teenage bride, aged 15, of a Paraguayan potter and ceramics artist. Andres Campos Cervera. From him she learned to paint and make pottery.

> shattered history of Paraguay in the 1930s, when nobody seemed interested in anything but surviving hunger. By the time she died she had published over 150 books of history, essays on links between Spanish and Paraguay's native Guarani, studies of native and colonial art, and volumes of poetry and short story.

She lived near poverty most of her life, but she described herself as immensely wealthy in the knowledge of two languages and two cultures, and amused by the product of miscegenation encouraged hy personal example by the first Spanish governor of Ascuncion,

In the Spanish-speaking world, her cunción, B.C. MacDermot, and the supwriting out her on a par with the Uruguayan Juana de Ibarbouru, and Chile's Gabriela Mistral But in surviv-She began to piece together the ing them and in virtually rebuilding the history of a country's art and culture, she stood alone.

> The academic world and Latin Americanists will remember her for her main works of poetry, some of her theatre, and for her essay on what she called "Hispanic-Guarani baroque". But a wider potential audience should also note her remarkable exploration of the history of British residents in Paraguay, who were largely responsible for building the basic grid of Ascuncion. The British in Paraguay, 1850-1870 was published in London in 1976, largethe former British ambassador in As- Ascunción 11 January 1999.

port of St Antony's College, Oxford. Drawing on archives that survived the wars. Pia traced the lives and work of the engineers and skilled craftsmen who huilt the railways, shipyard and government house for Paraguay.

I first met Josefina Pia in the late 1970s, when Stroessner was still strong in power and she in her language about him. Our subject was always the British in Paraguay. But she too faded, feeling berself on the sidelines of a trendier Latin America beyond the life of Ascunción. ANDREW GRAHAM-YOULL

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Josefina Piá. poet, historian ond artist: born Las Palmas, Conary Islands 9 November 1909; married ly thanks to the effort and translation of 1926 Andres Compos Cervera: died

Ancillary relief is fixed by court order

principles did not apply to an agreement for the compromise of an application for ancillary relief: such an agreement could only be

rendered enforceable by being converted into an order of the court, after which the rights and obligations of the parties were determined by the order, and not by any preceding

ORDINARY CONTRACTUAL

The Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal of Harry Costas Xythias against an order of the district judge in ancillary relief proceedings.

The wife had petitioned for divorce and applied for ancillary relief. A trial date was fixed, but after negotiation heads of settlement were largely agreed, and the wife's solicitors wrote to the court suggesting that the case be removed from the list subject to a short appointment. At the short appointment, however, the husband's solicitor stated on instructions that all offers were withdrawn and that

the case would be fully fought.

The wife applied for an order that: "The respondent do show cause why an order should not be made in the terms of an agreement reached between the petitioner and the respondent between 22-29 August 1996." The judge found that it was clear that the parties had wished to conclude an agreement before the court was called upon to decide the issue, and made an order essentially in the terms of the draft agreement. The hus-

band appealed. He submitted that the question was to be decided on the application of normal contrac-

LIFE IS short, but it would

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Xydhias v Xydhias Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Thorpe and Lord Justice Mummery) 21 December 1998

tual principles, which dictated that unless all the material terms were agreed, or the contract contained an agreed mechanism for ascertaining what was not agreed, then there was no contract.

Patrick Eccles QC and Edward Hess (Blakemores, Learnington Spa) for the appellant; Michael Horowitz QC and Timothy Bishop (Mercy Messenger, Solihull) for the respondent.

Lord Justice Thorpe said that ordinary contractual principles did oot decide the issues in the appeal. That was hecause an agreement for the compromise of an ancillary relief application did not give rise to a contract enforceable in law. The parties seeking to uphold such an agreemeot could not sue for specific performance. The only way of rendering the bargain enforceable was to convert the conorder of the court. Thereafter, the rights and obligations of the parties were determined by the order and not by any agreement which preceded it.

The order was absolute unless there was a statutory power to vary, or unless vitiated by a fact that would vitiate an order in any other division. The court did not either automatically or invariably grant the application to give the bargain the force of an order.

In consequence it was clear that the award to an applicant for ancillary relief was always fixed by the court. The payer's liability could not ultimately be fixed by compromise as could be done in the settlement of claims in other divisions. The purpose of negotiation. therefore, was not finally to determine the liability but to reduce the length and expense of the process by which the court carried out its function

Litigants in ancillary relief proceedings were subjected to great emotional and psychological stresses, particularly as the date of trial approached. There were sound policy reasons supporting the conclusion that the judge was entitled to exercise a broad discretion to determine whether the parties had agreed to settle. The court had a clear interest in curbing excessive adversariality and in excluding from trial lists unnecessary litigation.

A more legalistic approach, as the present case illustrated, only allowed the inconsistent or manipulative bigant to repudiate an agreement on the ground that some point of drafting, detail, or implementation had not been clearly resolved. cluded agreement into an It was to be hoped that a case such as the present, requiring the exercise of the judge's discretion, would be a rarity

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Deputy Director-General

BBC, 72; Rear-Admiral Sir

Laurence Whistler, glass-

engraver and writer, 87;

Richard Trowbridge, 79; Mr

BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

BIRTHS

SHAPIRO: On 1a January, in Stockholm to Anna and Tony, a daughter, Maja.

DEATHS

KARLIN: On 19 January 1999, suddenly, Marc, aged 51. Most beloved husband of Hermione and adored father of Alexis and Anna. Family funeral. A celebration in his memory w

LECTURES

National Gallery: Carol Plazzotta, "Portraits (ifi): Stubbs, Whistlejocket". 1pm. ., Lite Gallery: Justine Hopkins, "Sex, Creativity and Reputation: Rodin and Gwen John", 1pm.

BIRTHDAYS

ambassador to Mexico, 59; Dr Alan Borg, Director, Victoria and Albert Museum, 57; Dr John Burnett, former Principal, Edinburgh University. 77; Dr David Carey, Joint Registrar, Faculty Office, Archbishop of Canterbury, 82; Lord Cayzer, company chairman, 89; Mr John Denison, former general manager, Royal Festival Hall, 88; Mr Placido Domingo, operatic tenor, 58; Mr George Foulkes MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for International Development, 57; Dr John Hayes, former Director, National Portrait Gallery, 70; Mr Kenneth

Maginnis MP, 61; Sir George Humphrey Middleton, former diplomat, 89; Mr Jack Nicklaus, golfer, 59; Sir Nicholas Phillips, a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, 61; Mr Paul Potts, Editor-in-Chief, the Press Association, 49;

Mr Adrian Beamish, former

Mr Norman Willis, former General Secretary, TUC, 66. ANNIVERSARIES Births: Peter De Wint. painter 1784: Thomas Attwood Walmisley, organist and composer, 1814; Thomas Jonathan ("Stonewall") Jackson, Confederate general, 1824; Sophia Louisa Jex-Blake, physician and women'a liberation pioneer, 1840; Duncan James Corrowr Grant, painter, 1885; Cristóbal Balenciaga, couturier, 1895; Christian Dior, couturier, 1905; Benny Hill (Alfred Hawthorn Hill),

comedian, 1924. Deaths: Pope Paschal II, 1118; Henry Hallam, historian, 1859; Elisha Gray, inven-Miss Seona Reid, director, Scottish Arts Council, 49; Mr tor, 1901; Lenin (Vladimir Paul Scofield, actor, 77; Mr llyich Ulyanov), Russian leader, 1924; Lytton Giles Martin Shaw, actor, 54; Mr

Strachey, biographer and critic, 1932; George Orwell (Eric Arthur Blair), novelist, 1950: Cecil Blount de Mille, film director, 1959; Marie Lohr, actress, 1975.

On this day: taxi-cabs were first officially recognised in Britain, 1907; a Bill aimed at raising the school-leaving age to 15 was defeated in the House of Commons, 1931: Edward VIII was proclaimed king, 1936.

Today is the Feast Day of St Agnes, St Alban or Bartholomew Roe, St Epiphanius of Pavia, St Fructuosus of Tarragona, St Meinrad and St Patroclus of Troyes.

TOM JOHNSON-GILBERT

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Tom Johnson-Gilbert will be held at noon on Wednesday 10 February, at St Botolph-without-Aldersgate, in St Martin's le Grand, London EC1.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Princess Royal, Colonel, The Blues and Royals, visits Hyde Park Barracks, London SW1; and, as President of Patrons, Crime Concern, attends the Pru Youth Action Luncheon, London EC1. The Duke of Gloucester attends a reception for Ajex Housing Association, Ajex House, London N16.

CHANGING OF THE CUARD

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am; 1st **Battalion Welsh Guards** mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Scots Guards.

Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS are charged at 16.50 a line (VAT extra). Other announcements are charged at 110 a line (VAT extra).

WORDS

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son is surely number 14,001. Both editions have their uses. No crib, it makes one verify whether a word is the precise one, as I did when wanting something to describe the way in which a particular piece of prose was "fuelled" - uberated, from the Latin for udder, as Kipfer, she of 14,000 Thinga used by Cockeram in 1623.

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DILEMMAS WITH VIRGINIA IRONSIDE

Should I throw out my drug-dealer son?

Anne's 24-year-old son lives at home, stays in bed till late, watches TV and gets extra money from drug-dealing. Though clever, he dropped out of A-levels. His father wants to throw him out, but Anne worries he'd get further into drugs and end up in prison. What should she do?

VIRGINIA'S ADVICE

as a 19-year-old. I never took Alevels, dropped out of secretarial out of finishing school in France, and spent vived, but had there been drugs readily available to deal in, who knows - I might have supplemented my income by buying small bits of dope and flogging them to friends.

I wasn't thrown out of home, but eveots took place that forced me to think about getting somewhere of my own, and that got me started. As for Anne's son, there is no real reason for the status quo to change. He's got a bed, he's got food, he's got television; and every night he can go out, get stoned, do a few deals and roll back home.

Smoking dope, which presumably he does, will take away most of his motivation, and so the situation could well go on for ever. He is 24, which is a bit elderly to be doing the loafing-around number, and the longer he stays at home doing nothing, the less self-respect he will have, the longer the gap will be on his 😲 CV, and the more depressed he'll be. Probably it would be kind-

est to encourage him to

part from the drug-dealing and given lots of time, and some financial help. the age. Anne's son could be me At least he would have to get up in the morning to look for rooms. And if he became a drug-dealer it would be terribly sad, but at college and art school, dropped 24 he has to take responsibility for his own life and its consequences. The last policeman a good nine months mooching around at home wondering what to do and feeling depressed and aimless. God knows how I surbecause drug-dealing kept young people off the streets and in work.

And if he did end up in prison, at least he'd have endless opportunities for doing good and bad. As he is, he is barely living. Better to have lived and lost than never to have lived at all. But that's obviously not an option it's easy to risk when your own son's involved. My advice would be to pay for him to go round the world, if Anne could afford it. Make him into a ticket-of-leave man. Ensure that the first stop is not Amsterdam, but rather Aus-

tralia, staying with a cheery, out-doorsy sheep farmer. This is a way of getting rid of him but disguising it as an exciting experience. Which it is. If he goes to India, he cannot fail to appreciate how in-credibly lucky he is. If he stays with Anne, he will know nothing but the patterns on his own four walls, the glimmer of daytime TV and the gloomy smell of dope down the pub. No life for a young man. Or indeed



I know how he feels I think that I am similar to your son. I have always been multi-talented and of above average intelligence. I have a problem of not being able to stick to any one project for long.

After school, I was torn between art school, and doing a husiness degree. I am now at Nottingham university, but recently went over a rough patch and threatened to drop out in favour of art school.

Fortunately, my parents were firm and told me that they wouldn't support me to go to art school until I had finished my degree.

I think you should tell your son that you will oot Support him at home any longer, but will pay for him to gain qualifications, then help him find a place to stay. Perhaps you should help in guiding him to a career that utilises his

creativity, and involves a lot of dynamic change. NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED

Aim for a happy life My brother, now 57, has never stuck at anything for more than two or three years but he's successfully mastered and practised a huge number of skills. He's been a commercial traveller, a jobbling builder, a district councillor, a sheep-breeder... I am sure my parents were

worried about him when he was in his twenties, but he's had a happy life and has a lovely family and host of friends - what more could one ask? JOHN HAWGOOD Durham

Be cruel to be kind Ten years ago, I relied on my grandparents for every-

stole money from them to fund my diversions. I believe this was because I suffered from cataclysmically low self-esteem. But the reason was that I never did anything constructive. Anyway, I was finally asked to leave their home, and drifted into a series of lowpaying clerical jobs, until finally I got my act together and went back to school. Now I am about to get my degree, and have a place on a graduate trainee programme. I value my achievements because I have earned them, rather than bad them bestowed upon me.

Forcing me to leave home was the best thing my grandparents ever did for me. You may want a good life for your son, but if he chooses not to accept your gifts you can't force him to. It's up to him. thing. I was into drugs, and B FOWLER

NEXT WEEK'S DILEMMA

Dear Virginia, My girlfriend and I have been living together for three years and things haven't really been going right, despite lots of talking. Now she wants a trial separation. I

we'll never get back together again. Should I insist on hanging on, or should I go? Yours sincerely, Brian

Anyone who has advice quoted will be sent a bouquet worry that once we part from Interflora. Send let-

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ters and dilemmas to Virginia Ironside, The Independent', 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL, fox 0171-293 2182, or email dilemmas@ independ ent.co.uk - giving a postal address for the bouquet.



A housewife's choice

Leaving a stressful career to care for her son and keep house has been a relief and a revelation for Hilly Janes. But it's also created an identity crisis

ardly a day goes by without fresh sparks flying in the debate about whose turn it is to get a seat on the board/put the rubbish out/tidy up the Duplo. Or, as a sociologist might put it: "Gender, family and the workplace in a post-feminist era: discuss." Now Madonna has fanned the flames with her decision to stop working and spend more time with her daughter, not on the heels of Suzanne Franks and her new book, Having None of It Men, Women and the Future of Work.

I have been following the latest developments with particular interest, because I recently traded my full-time. highly paid executive job for full-time housewifery and motherhood. Reader, these words are written by a woman who made her own marzipan this Christmas.

Before I explain how it feels, let me explain why. I am typical of my genera tion in that I put off having children until my biological clock said 11.55pm. I may have got it all later than most but by the time I was 44, this summer, I definitely had it all: career, husband, child, house, dishwasher, the lot.

So what went wrong: It wasn't just the 10-hour working days - that's the norm for plenty of us. Like many other employees in the Nineties, in no matter what profession, my company was going through endless cutbacks and restructuring. My husband had given up his job to study for an MBA full time and spent more hours glued to the computer screen than I did. Sundays included. I saw my son for about an hour a day dur-

ing the week. Unless I was able to sleep in on Saturdays and excused any form of human contact until hunchtime, I would spend the weekend in a fug of tiredness until about 10pm on Sunday when I'd finally

perk up, just in time for bed at 10.20pm. Sometimes I felt dizzy at work and had tingling pains in my arms. The GP said I was hyperventilating. I had two miscarriages in two years. "Shabby" was how one of my best friends described our house, and she was being tactful. No wonder: it was suffering from total neglect. Not that it really mattered, "dinner party" was not part of my vocabulary.

When the chance came to stop, I leapt at it. Two things made it possible. My husband's Herculean efforts in front of the computer means that he is now wellpaid enough to support all of us. I managed to negotiate a generous settlement from my employer. My husband's new joh would be very demanding, but at least we wouldn't both be in the same boat. We could even afford to keep our more at home in: the office.

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"How does it feel not to work at all. what do you do all day?", people ask mostly of the worksholic variety. "How does it feel to be on Planet Tharg totally naked apart from a pair of rubber underpants on your head?" would be a less alien concept, judging by the look on their faces.

In many ways it feels great. Most of my former colleagues don't recognise me. Only one of them had the nerve to say why: "You look 10 years younger." Bedtime is no longer 10.30pm. I've seen more films, plays and exhibitions and read more books in the last six months than in the last six years.

I'm still having problems pronouncing "dinner party", but at least I've started cooking proper meals again and stopped shopping for World War III. When I worked all day, some repressed mothering instinct had me filling the latenight supermarket trolley with extra jars and tins of food, just in case. Most of

I keep weekends free of household chores so that we can go on outings as a family. Now my husband gets a lie-in on Saturdays. I spend one day a week visiting my elderly parents. Our house has had a fresh lick of paint and the charity shop has benefited from a major decluttering session.

Best of all, my relationship with my son has improved no end. We are simply more at ease with each other. In my experience, the worlds of the husy executive and the capable mummy were totally at odds. Because time with him was precious, and I wanted it to be fun. I'd give in to his demands. No prizes for guessing who was in charge. I am sure I was not the only working parent who felt a sense of relief as I left the house on Mondays for the place I felt

No v I made, stand that arguing with a small child is futile. Changing the subject works far better, but this demands energy, playfulness, being on his wavelength, the very attributes that may be in short supply if you can't quite switch off from a problem at work or the four loads of dirty washing in the laundry basket. Now he accepts that mummy is not such a pushover, and I accept that if he doesn't like the new book, so what?

Renegotiating the ground rules with my husband is trickier I am not a gracious housewife. Take last week's row about bananas. Why, I asked, should I lug home vast quantities of fruit from the supermarket, only for it to disappear into his briefcase? Don't they sell fruit in the West End, where he works? After all, if I found time to do all the shopping when I was working, how come he can't buy a few bananas?

There used to be a joke about how the only thing working women needed to get to the top was a wife. I found it funny then, but I don't now. If my husband had agreed to put his career on the back little respect.

burner for the sake of our mutual sanity, how much further up the greasy pole could I have slithered? I find these feelings of resentment humiliating. Have I really got nothing better to do than-squabble about bananas? Can't i just be grateful that he is supporting me?

And why can't I get my act together? Being a housewife demands self-discipline and organisation, and even after six months I feel inadequate. Life used to be simple - get up, go to work, come home. Now the days and weeks have no internal rhythm. It is all too easy to fritter away the free time between dropping my son off at nursery and picking him up two hours later. Unless I write commitments down I risk double-booking myself, or forgetting. And how come last night we ran out of milk, when I had been at home most of the day?

No deals, practice makes perfect. But there is something else that will not improve. When I was working, I reminded myself frequently that certain people were interested in me because of what I was, not who I was. Knowing it was one thing; feeling it is something else, and the further I paddle my canoe from the familiar shore where status is measured. in job titles and pay cheques, the scari-er it gets. "You feel as if you are falling off the edge of everybody's radar, and it's frightening you," my husband said, and

I know what the pundits will say about Madonna. Good for her. But it's all very well, she's the boss. What about the rest of us? And we'll point a finger at employers and politicians who refuse to implement family-friendly working policies, put the blame on anybody eise but ourselves. Perhaps we could start looking for the answers closer to home. Next time you meet somebody who makes their own marzipan, ignore the rubber underpants on her head, and show a

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SDAY REVIEW

Fresh in from Frisco

Compared with its Angeleno neighbour, the San Francisco Symphony is an unknown quantity. But as London audiences will discover tonight, under Michael Tilson Thomas it's a world-class force. By Matthew Daines

ollowing close on the heels of the predominantly West Coast visitors to the Barbican Centre's "American Pioneers" series last autumn, Californian musicians are back in ondon once again tonight when the San Francisco Sympilooy makes only its second London appearance since Michael Tilson Thomas became its principal conductor in 1995. Having previously held the same position with the London Symphony Orchestra since 1988, Tilson Thomas is, of course, no stranger to the Barbican, but his appearance with the SFS marks a new high-water mark in American music. It sigoifies not only the growing stature of American symphony orchestras outside the "big five" - New York, Boston, Cleveland. Philadelphia and Chicago - but also a coming of age for West Coast musical life.

Unlike the Los Angeles Philharmonic, which gave two sensational performances at last summer's Proms, the recent achievements of the San Francisco Symphony have largely gone unsung, Indeed, the city of San Francisco itself has long languished in the shadow of Los Angeles. which attracted a string of emigre composers during the inter- and post-war vears: Stravinsky, Schoenberg, Korngold and Martinu all made their homes there, ★ ne San Francisco Bay area, meanwhile, cultivated native Californian composers such as Henry Cowell, the inventor of the cluster, who grew up in the southern suburb of Menio Park, and his student Lou Harrison, John Cage's microtonal collaborator, who spent his spare time studying scores in San Francisco's public library. It also witnessed the birth of American minimalism. LaMonte Young studied at UC Berkeley in the late Fifties; Steve Reich came west a few years later to study with Darius Milhaud at Mills College, Oakland; in 1964 the San Francisco Tape Music Center acted as midwife to Terry Riley's minimalist classic In C.

The San Francisco Symphony, too, has generable history. Its first concertmister, Louis Persinger, attracted the New York-born Yehudi Menuhin, who made his concerto debut with the SFS in 1926, as well as the Russian-born Isaac Stern, who made his debut with the orchestra 10 years later. Its most illustrious conductor during the Thirties and Forties was Pierre Monteux; Seiji Ozawa became principal conductor in 1976. But recently, it's the name of John Adams, the composer of Nixon in China, that has been most indelibly linked with the orchestra.

Adams, a native New Englander, had moved to the city after graduating from Harvard in the early Seventies and become director of the Contemporary Music Ensemble at the San Francisco Conservatory. So when the Dutch conductor Edo de of the SFS in 1977 and began, as be recalls, "looking for someone young to help me find my way around American music", Adams was the obvious choice.

Milton Salkind, then president of the Conservatory, made the mitial introduc-

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MTT balances the needs of the core audience with his support for new music

of the SFS, also brought Michael Steinberg from Boston as artistic adviser. With this triumvirate in place, the "New and Unusual Music" series was born, usbering in a goldcal life in the city and recordings of such Adams classics as Shaker Loops, Harmonium and Harmonielehre.

"Certainly it was the most exciting four Waart was appointed principal conductor or five years of my life," reflects De Waart had a sense that something good was happening, but how good it was I didn't realise until later." For Adams, the experience of tions. Peter Pastreich, executive director the San Francisco Symphony the was ap-

pointed composer-in-residence in 1982) provided the environment be needed to learn about orchestral writing.

"The relationship between Edo and John was such a good example of a collaboration between a music director and a composer, this kind of intricate touchingup of details in rehearsals and kind of giveand-take," says Jorja Fleezanis, former from his new base in Sydney, Australia. "I co-leader of the orchestra. "The whole orchestra was really a kind of laboratory for him... This stuff was really fresh - very recently out of the birth canal, as it were."

programming the "New and Unusual After De Waart's departure for Min-Music" series and the chance to write for nesota in 1985, the SFS consolidated itself as a world-class orchestra under the dir-

ection of the Swedish conductor Herbert Blomstedt, who went on to put it on the mu-

sical map with tours of Asia, a stunning

debut at the 1990 Salzburg Festival, and a series of acclaimed recordings for Decca. But the iconoclastic tradition of San Francisco's musical forefathers finally came full circle in 1995 with the appointment of Bernstein's protégé Michael Tilson Thomas as principal conductor. As an American-born, native-Angeleno conductor, Tilson Thomas is a rare commodity. His appointment builds on the strengths of both his immediate predecessors: the

Waart, who replaced almost half the play-

ers, and the discipline and stylistic finesse cultivated by Blomstedt. According to Peter Pastreich, who has managed the orchestra for more than 20 years, "Michael brings an interest in similar repertory to Blomstedt, but there's more showmanship and a more outward-going and communicative approach. And be's got the ensemble to do it with." More significantly, Tilson Thomas's in-

terests in Cowell and Harrison constitute a living link to San Francisco's iconoclastic musical past, while his penchant for American composers manifests itself in subtle programming that balances the needs of the core symphony audience with bis support for new music. Thus the programme be brings to the Barbican this month combines classic American music - Charles Ives's Three Places in New England (or A New England Symphony) with Prohofiev's Fifth Symphony and Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto (with Gil Shaham).

Tilson Thomas's masterstroke, though, bas been to start performing the music of composers whom be counts as his friends and mentors outside the traditional symphony season. A series of new summer festivals began in 1995 with the two-week-long "An American Festival": the sight of MTT (as Tilson Thomas is universally known) improvising with members of the Grateful Dead was the talk of the town. "Celebrations of the Sacred and Profane" and a Mahler festival followed. This summer's event promises to focus on the music of a single 20th-century composer. These festivals are part of what makes Michael want to be in San Francisco," says Pastreich, "They are that important to him."

MTT's tenure at Davies Symphony Hall began with a free outdoor concert attended by 11,000 people. Free open-air concerts that make up the Sterngrove Festival confirm bow bard the orchestra works to capture the beart of the city. But San Francisco has always taken its culture seriously. A key component of its healthy arts scene has been the botel tax levied on visiting tourists; the proceeds go direct to the city's arts budgets. There's no denying, too, that the size of the city's large gay population, with its higher-than average disposable income. is highly advantageous for the arts.

Sophisticated programming, aggressive outreach, imaginative educational initiatives and creative audience-development techniques can all be found in Europe. But the rise of the San Francisco Symphony is the story of a regional orchestra that's turned itself into a worldclass ensemble by reinventing itself to reflect the changing needs of 21st-century audiences and the diverse communities it serves. It's a salutary tale with valuable lessons about a distinctly Californian approach to an American problem - lessons that regional orcbestras in Europe might

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It's a kind of magic

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IT'S NEARLY seven years now since Theatre de Complicite's Street of Crocodiles began life in the Cottesloe and took the breath away with those stupendous opening images. Figures from the story's past batch out of crates of books or emerge, splitting plumes of water, from tin baths. And, above all the rest, in more senses than one, a man walks down a brick wall at the back of the stage so that we seem to be getting an aerial view of a saunter along a moonlit street. "Is that abseiling or magic?" asked my 11-yearold assistant, as we watched this wondrously inventive and moving revival at the Queeo's Theatre. We both readily agreed that the more perceptive answer would be "magic".

The piece works even better in the current larger space, the sbeer height of the stage creating a brooding. shadowy top layer over this phantasmagoric plunge into the creative imagination of Bruno Schulz. the Polisb-Jewisb author, shot dead by an SS agent in 1942, whose weird stories are the launch-pad for the show. Looking at my old review. I found that I concentrated mostly on the earlier parts of this expressionist. physical-theatre event. Perhaps because I was viewing it with an impressionable child, I was more bowled over this time by the barrowing later stages, scored against searingly bitter-sweet and agonised string music.

The sinister sound of an army patrol punctuates the piece in which the lanky, sensitive Cesar Sarachu once again plays Joseph, the Schulzsurrogate at bay in a dark, totalitarian regime. Books - their vulnerability and transformative powers - are a strong and recurring image. Flapped about, alongside brollies, they become the exotic aviary of the bero's eccentric father. Or, when the outside threat is at its greatest, rows of volumes cascade from the shelves with the frightening speed and force of a long, coiled spring.

My companion said that much of it reminded her of Alice, if with a sadder undertow. The company creates a surreal, balletic world in which wouldbe lovers strain towards each other in an attempt to join the matching halves of symbolically broken plates, hindered by great bolts of cloth from the father's drapery store. And there's the marvellous final sequence when, after being shot, Joseph strips down to his undersborts and is passed tenderly, like a tiny baby, down the row of his family. A piercing image of the prematurity of that loss.

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Be faithful to your dreams

ONCE UPON a time not so long ago, that sixtysomethingyear-old Irish poet Brendan Kennelly was a raucous, joyously blaspheming sort of an individual who was in the business of ruffling feathers - remember the one about James Joyce having dinner with the Holy Family, for example? This week, be seemed altogether different - calmer, more subded more ethereal somei, as though you might be able to put your hand straight through him. What happened?

In October 1996 be underwent triple heart-bypass surgery. Immediately afterwards he began to have dreams, if not visions. A man made of rain was beckoning to him, inviting READING

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him to journey at his side and talk with him about this and that. The experience turned into a long sequence of poems. The way in which a poet

reads is always a guide to what be is reading. In the past Kennelly has thrown down his words like a challenge, an indictment to rude literary behaviour At The Voice Box he is turning over the pages of his book in a pernickety, chastened, ruminative way, and reading the words as if, though having written them, he is still

in pursuit of their significance. He is presenting us with a journey along roads which be is still walking.

Before a section called "Flowers and History" be pauses, flinging off his spectacles, to talk about something wondrous that happened during one of these spectral conversations. The face is fleshy, the cheeks a scoured apple-red, the grin companionable, the filmy eyes a delicate, cornflower-blue. One arm of his spectacles is heavily swathed in clear Sellotape.

The anecdote, once it begins, seems to take you by the elbow in some warm snug. It could go on for ever. And you would probably want it to - had

you time. "It's all about our nelly recalls his father with being walking graveyards," he says. "About the exhumation of was such a lovely, intelligent, memory - which is as much a lazy man," he tells us, "who alpart of writing a poem as it is of writing a piece of music. streets of Ireland were never These voices were coming at me, some from when I was as Then his mood darkens. "He young as three or four ... "

the voice of Mary Ann, a neighbour. Well, it is not so much the voice he remembers, as the way she used to laugh -throwing her head back until her false teeth fell out, as she bragged about ber pension. Then, finally, the man made

of rain, ever serendipitous, invites him to visit the grave of his father, and to dandle his fa- adds, shouting up to us. ther's bones in his hands. Ken-

gentleness and affection. "He ways used to say that the well aired before 11 o'clock." was also an example of the far He recalls one in particular, and against mind, the idea that we have an enemy, and that there are no complexities. He was a Collins man himself."

Then down he goes, into that blue Shannon light of his father's grave, peering about for those marvellous speaking bones. "The thing is not so much to explain the dreams as to be faithful to them," he MICHAEL GLOVER

And the outlook is unsettled

BAD WEATHER is the singularly off-putting title of a long, elusive, often inexplicable yet also strangely rewarding new play by Robert Holman which opened last year at Stratford's Other Place, and transfers to The Pit. The impulse to shout "No, I really can't believe a word of this" is checked, again and again, by sequences that suddenly succeed in assenting their own delicately nuanced criterion of credibility. While years. Jamie's depressed. Zven Pimlott's production may be too evenly paced, it cumulatively hypnotises you with its intent, unhurried dedication to the play's vision and the detailed truthfulness of with her son. But the idea that the performances.

The proceedings begin amid the graffiti and scuzzy corru- divided loyalty (will the incar-

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gated sheeting of a run-down Middlesbrough council estate. Luke, a young yob, has beaten up a man outside a Chinese takeaway, but it's his best friend, Jamie, who takes the rap and is sent down for four déclassee mother, Kay, once the rich heiress of a rather different estate in France, embarks on a sexual relationship with the one juror who sided we are in for a social-realist piece about deprivation and

quickly scotched by the arrival nanny. Played with a quite mesmerising authority and of emotional displacement. It's understated chic by Susan a world in which, bizarrely, Engel, 69-year-old Agnes takes enigmatie control of the sit- all pained and frayed refineuation, like a cross between a ment in Susan Brown's mov-Gallic Mary Poppins and the

Duke in Measure for Measure. There is something oddly Shakespearean about the play's movement from Teesside to the idyll of a sun-kissed. dilapidated French chateau where Agnes sweeps the cast off for a boliday. It reminds you of those shifts into the heightened realms of Arden, Illyria and the wilds of Wales from which people emerge transformed in his comedies. Ex-

cerated Jamie grass?) is cept that redemption comes at matters into a tentatively truer a price, and only ambiguously, of the mother's one-time in the world Holman creates tween 69-year-old Agnes and bere, with its repeated pattern 21-year-old Luke. It sounds mothers such as Kay (who is ing performance) are better at laughed off the stage here.

being surrogate parents to other people's children than have grasped the play's tricky proper mothers to their own. The imprisoned youth (played with a pent-up, cigarette- live with me for a long time. crushing intensity by Ryan Pope) is more adept at taking play Rafis and Dreams is, in the rap than in taking responsibility for himself. Even the underrated dramas of the weather, with its freak spring decade. I bope that Bad snow showers, seems to be Weather has a happier fate. firing just off-target.

alignment is a love affair belike the kind of thing that could only happen in an Iris Murdoch novel Thanks to Engel and Paul Popplewell's beguilingly fresh and cocky Luke, it is not I am far from certain that I

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Hey sister, go sister

t the age of eight she was considered a remarkable musician. Invited to play a solo for BBC radio, she agreed on condition that he could bring along her younger sister, who later got an earful from her mother for bursting a hole through a drum. The name of this brilliant soloist was Hilary du Pré, and she played the flute; the sister who disrupted the recording was called Jackie, and she played the cello. .

By now we know which sister turned out to be the real prodigy, though why Jacqueline was favoured with greatness while Hilary failed her flute exams is a mystery that Hilary and Jackie doesn't try to unlock. There are scenes of Mrs du Pré (Celia imrie) and Hilary eating sandwiches on a bench, waiting for Jackie to emerge from her lesson; but this is a shorthand for hard work, not genius. Film deals with genius by turning it into something else, such as eccentricity, or madness, or illness - all three of which figure prominently in the short life of Jacqueline du Pre.

Anand Tucker's film is not so much a piopic as the dual portrait of a strange and intense relationship. It has been adapted by Frank Cottrell Boyce from the recent nemoir by Hilary and ber brother, Piers iu Pre, whose central revelation conerns the bizarre sexual menage which lackie instigated with ber sister and >rother-in-law. Divided into two narratives, he first half of the film maps Hilary's dawnng realisation that her life will be spent Istening to people enquiring after "your narvellous sister". Indeed, it's more painful than that; it tells of a woman carvng out a life in the shadow of another's ame, only to have that life usurped by the ery same person. Hilary falls in love with an amiable young conductor, Kiffer Finzi David Morrissey), marries him and withiraws to what she assumes will be a haven of calm in the country.

The turning-point, not to say the talking-

THE BIG PICTURE

ANTHONY QUINN

HILARY AND JACKIE (15) DIRECTOR: ANAND TUCKER STARRING: EMILY WATSON, RACHEL GRIFFITHS. DAVID MORRISSEY **121 MINS**

point, of the film arrives when Jackie shows up unannounced and, following a jolly reunion around the hearth, asks Hilary for the loan of her husband. Hilary refuses, not unnaturally, but when Jackie bolts into the woods to tear off her clothes and how like a loon, she relents and persuades Kiffer to help out in the guest bedroom. This is the defining moment of the du Pre sisters' story, yet the film-makers bold back from explaining why Hilary made such a sacrifice. Was it a masochistic kind of complaisance on ber part, or rather a guilty acknowledgement of Jackie's fragile acquaintance with sanity?

Just as we're trying to decide - my money was on Jackie being a predatory, egomaniacal monster - the film switches focus and runs the story back through Jackie's perspective. What seemed a manipulative streak is gradually revealed as a chronic need to be loved. Cosseted by her parents till the age of 20, Jackie was packed off on a two-year European concert tour with a Davidoff cello and no idea of how to survive. What emerges poignantly is not just her inadequacy but a dreadful sense are as conspicuous as its omissions.

of loneliness, illustrated in a small domestic detail. In the first part of the film, the du Pré family receive a parcel from Jackie on tour in Russia, and tear it open excitedly. it turns out to be a bundle of dirty laundry she has sent bome. Yet the outrage you might feel on the family's behalf softens into pity when Jackie receives the washed laundry with almost rapturous gratifude, hugging the clothes to ber face to catch the scent of home.

For all their attempts at fairness, however the film-makers can't help making Jackie seem conniving, snobbish and wholly incapable of taking pleasure in others' good fortune. When Hilary has her modest nuptials at the register office, for example, Jackie retaliates by marrying the pianist Daniel Barenboim (James Frain) with the maximum of fuss. She reacts to the news of her father's contracting Parkinson's disease in cold fury; be's trying to compete with her own crippling multiple sclerosis. Even in illness, her basic instinct was to upstage. It's to Emily Watson's credit that she makes Jackie's selfishness and vulnerability all of a piece; that look of frowning, almost agonised concentration as she bends to her cello is, paradoxically, the time she seems most at home. Watson will probably get the plaudits (and the awards) for her performance, though I found Rachel Griffiths' patient, fearful Hilary the more affecting of the two. The way she struggles to hide the burt of Jackie'a casual cruelty behind a smile has nuances that Watson's more hysterical interpretation can't match.

Absorbing as it is, Hilary and Jackie feels a confused and slightly prurient film. While it seeks to celebrate one woman's extraordinary gift, its focus is in fact the weird entanglements of ber sex life. Neither is adequately elucidated. Tucker and his team apparently consulted Hilary du Pré prior to filming, which may explain why it is, ultimately, a work whose emphases



Emily Watson as Jackie: 'A manipulative streak gradually revealed as a chronic need to be loved'

ALSO SHOWING

BULLWORTH WARREN BEATTY (18) 54 MARK CHRISTOPHER (15) THE MERCHANT OF FOUR SEASONS RAINER WERNER FASSBINDER (NC) FRACTICAL MAGIC GRIFFIN DUNNE (12) CLASS TRIP CLAUDE MILLER (15)

ENATOR JAY Billington Bulworth shaped and pointed Bulworth's Warren Beatty) is a man whose ime has come, and gone, Haggard ith exhaustion and self-disgust on he eve of the California elections, e goes off the deep end and hires hitman to assassinate him. Sudenly divested of responsibility, he tarts to enjoy himself, proclaiming ome truths to a black church conregation, exposing hypocrisy and alsehood in all quarters - it's like a olitical version of Tourette's synrome. What's more, he delivers his ermons in the borrowed cadences i a black rapper, and swaps his suit ad tie for homeboy street-gear.

Bulworth, written and directed by eatty, aims to be a frisky satire on merica's corrupt body politic, and undeniably takes risks - something eatty hasn't done in a long while, ut it's an awful mess. Where his old

scandalous shenanigans, Beatty simply sprays around the farce like a Grand Prix winner's champagne. It has energy and nerve to spare, but it's too chaotic to be truly subversive. There's more than a whiff of condescension, too, in positing black American street jive as the white man's road to freedom. I suspect I'm not alone in finding Beatty's rhyming stylings pretty feeble. A white man can approximate rap -Tom Wolfe did so brilliantly in his novel A Man in Full - but on this evidence I'd keep any recording contracts on bold.

Mark Christopher'a feature début 54 is the second film within six months - The Last Days of Disco was the first - to hymn the notorious Manhattan night-spot Studio 54, though it plays more like a cleanediend Robert Altman might have up version of Boogie Nights. Shane

(Ryan Phillippe) is a suburban Adonis who one night catches the eye of the club impresario Steve Rubell (Mike Myers) amid the jostling throng outside 54; be soon finds himself inside, patrolling the strobelit disco inferno as one of the barechested busboys who service the celebrity congregants and their hangers-on. Cue a mildly cautionary tale of arriviste gullibility, spiralling drug consumption and moral burnout, all set to a familiar sound-track of Seventies dance floor stompers.

Phillippe's handsome but dim ingenu just can't command the film, and supporting turns by Salma Hayek and Neve Campbell are undermined by a clanking, sophomoric script. Mike Myers perfects a contemptible allure as the infamous Rubell this laugh is the most unpleasant I've heard since James Woods's) hut his club's reputation as mistakeable work by the laughing



Warren Beatty in 'Bulworth'

Sodom-on-West-54th-Street remains largely unexplored. Where's the sex, the sweat, all that bad behaviour that we've beard so much about? Honestly, I've been to fifthform bops with more erobic menace.

As part of a two-month Fassbinder retrospective, the NFT is rereleasing The Merchant of Four Seasons (1971), an early and un-

boy of the new German cinema. It recounts the overpoweringly bleak story of Hans Epps (Hans Hirschmüller), an ex-Legionnaire who has seen his dreams and ambitions dashed, mostly by women. Despised by his mother, rejected by the great love of his life, cheated on by his wife, Hans has fallen from bourgeois respectability by setting up as a fruitseller on the back streets of Munich. Nothing, not even the minor success of his business, can rescue him from the profound depression that

Fassbinder films this family melodrama in a carefully detached way, leaving us in some doubt as to whether it's masochism prompting Hans towards his doom, or simply the director reasserting his nihilistic world-view. The film grips, in a morbid, crushing, hopeless kind of way, which is probably as much as have forgotten most of The Witches

Mad City (12)

available to rent now

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glance, the premise of

Costa-Gavras's siege

guarantee a scolding for

journalist, becalmed at a

museum, he can't believe

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(John Travolta) to get his

job back. Within hours, the

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Bailey's misadventure into

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class male, tailored for a

Ace In The Hole and Dog

TV audience of millions.

Day Afternoon might be

the obvious influences, but

Costa-Gavras observes all

with a cool eye. In doing so,

Brackett's media circus

he coaxes solid, unfussy

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the late director would have wished. I'm surprised they let Griffin Dunne make another feature after the atrocious Meg Ryan comedy Addicted to Love, but plainly somebody in Hollywood likes him. His directorial reputation is in no way enhanced by Practical Magic, a fey and vaporous excursion into the supernatural starring Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman as sisters descended from a long line of witches. All this means is that they get to inherit a beautiful old New England mansion, lounge about in cute plaid pyjamas and run into trouble with men, who, according to an old family curse, are doomed to croak should they get involved with either of them. Filming in a golden-syrupy light, Dunne seems to have little ambition beyond making his stars look adorable (not tricky) and hoping we'll

of Eastwick. Aidan Quinn, showing up late as a hunky cop, is a blatant mailshot to the target audience. A word to that audience: you don't need this fatuous, sentimental gloop.

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Claude Miller's Class Trip is a quietly devastating study in childhood terror Nicolas (Clément Van Den Bergh) is a shy teenage loner. stifled by an over-protective father and teased as a scaredy-cat by his classmates. While on a school trip to the French Alps, the boy soon falls prey to vivid nightmares of abduction and death, the cause of which is slowly - and traumatically - unearthed. Miller tightens the noose of his plot with such atealth that the denovement feels both shocking and inevitable.

All films on general release from

the class trip a film by claude miller A film that stamps all over Hollywood portrayals of childhood innocence. Very dark, very good" ESQUIRE Miller walks a knife edge of dreadful uncertainty with absolute assurance" dightly crafted psychological thriller" THE GUARDIAN A BIUELIGHT FROM 22 JANUARY AT

RUSHES

WHAT ARE your three favourite films of all time? Whatever they are, Sky Premier wants to hear from you. At something called a "celebrity brunch" in London's West End earlier this week (Lord Attenborough, Barry Norman and fruit kebabs). the satellite channel launched Millennium Movies, a poll to discover the British public's favourite

Before pleading with us not to ask him about his brother David's The Life of Birds, Lord Attenborough told us that, among other aims. Millennium Movies will let film-makers around the world know what the UK really wants to see at the cinema.

A few minutes later Bazzer hinted that the results might not exactly cheer up aspiring auteurs. Star Wars, be guessed, will probably come out on top, with Citizen Kone unlikely

to make the top 50. Still, Sky Premier did its best to disguise the fact that Millennium Movies wants to turn the British public into one enormous focus group by announcing its donation of £250,000 to Rada, of which

Lord Attenborough is, of course, curreotly the president.

AS IS customary, a couple of anecdotes sped the morning along, the best of which came from Lord Attenborough's 57-year film career.

He remembered a particularly arduous series of water-tank scenes during the shoot of his first film, In Which We Serve. While everyone else, including himself, slipped into the filthy water with great reluctance, Noël Coward presented himself immaculately at the water's edge and executed a perfect

belly-flop into the tank. "Darlings," be remarked as he surfaced, "there's dysentery in every ripple."

OH, WHAT are Dicky's three favourite films? Charlie Chaplin's The Gold Rush, On the Waterfront and Schindler's List. The Godfather, said Barry. followed by Bringing Up Baby and Citizen Kane, "though my favourite films change every day". MIKE HIGGINS

VIDEO WATCH MIKE HIGGINS



Matt LeBlanc - really lost in space

nicely between his hunger for "the best show in town" and the tatters of his conscience, while Travolta knows that the dim Bailey deserves our scorn as much as he does our pity.

Lost In Space (PG) available to rent now DESPITE THE muchtrumpeted special effects. this big-screen treatment of the US TV series looks pretty cheap. In part, this is due to its screenplay, which attempts to pack family melodrama. shipwreck memoir and time-travel into an unsettling 130 minutes. The computer-animated

production design becomes just one more tawdry element competing for our

attention. The efforts of the cast, including Gary Oldman, William Hurt, Matt LeBlanc and Heather Graham, don't do the film any favours either. They valiantly attempt to play the wbole enterprise tongue-in-cheek, But there's only so much mileage to be had from the fact that the Robinson family, a gazillion miles from anywhere and engaged on a mission to save the earth, seem more concerned with whose turn it is to do the washing up.

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A pox upon those men in tights

So you want to do doublet, hose and a bit of ruff... What's standing in your way? History, of course. Then again, the historical movie isn't quite what it used to be. By Boyd Tonkin

picked up a sheaf of warm reviews for his Bollywood-flavoured chronicle of the young Elizabeth, but not many critics dwelt on a bit part that outshone even Eric Cantona's weirdlyvowelled cameo. As the French regent Mary of Guise, Fanny Ardant pouted and sneered and heaved to a pitch of bosomy excess that drove an earnest period piece well down the road towards Carry On Up the Tudors. Indeed, Barbara Windsor herself could hardly have surpassed the Fanny who dipped her flag in enemy gore and rasped at a cringing envoy: "Tell your Eenglish Queen not to send boieez to faaht Maree of Guise."

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Did these OTT flounces damage the picture? Not a hit. We expect a slice of ham served up with our screen history now. Two generations of gleeful parody – from *Up Pompeii* and Morecambe and Wise to Blackadder and beyond - have wrapped all costume drama in a swathe of farce that serious intentions (or serious acting) alone can

never wish away. For every setting prior to a pretty recent date, history now means high camp. From togas to tiaras, studio-soiled cooventions stand between the audience and a proper appreciation of the past like so many

sleeping policeman or rather, laughing policemen. As Kapur's Elizobeth grasped, planned giggles can belp suspend our disbelief and forestall too many out-of-place guffaws. Better to cackle at the director's bidding than

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hekhar Kapur may have during that tender love scene or crucial diplomatic crisis. Costume cinema now has to vaccinate its viewers against what Ken Starr might call inappropriate laughter.

When, exactly, do our automatic sniggers end? In spite of Judi Dench's balloon-like bathing cozzie and Billy Connolly's kilts, there seemed little intrinsically absurd about John Madden's Mrs Brown. A few decades further back, Jane Austen adaptations seldom suffer too much of a credibility gap from their snazzy waistcoats and A-line dresses. Could language be the key? Up to a point, but strip out the forsooths and gadzooks from the Flynn-and-Fairbanks era swashbuckler, and it still looks daft.

No: I bave a theory that silliness ends when trousers begin. The arrival of tubular male legwear in the early 19th century (and, perhaps a bit more plausibly, the advent of photography) marks a decisive breach ween ancients and moderns. On the button as ever, Mel Brooks fingered the problem in the subtitle he gave to his burlesque of Robin Hood movies: "Men in Tights".

> In Shakespeare in Love, his next project after Mrs John Madden shrewdly plots a way through most of the men-in-tights tangles. His Oscar-tipped spoof-biopic embraces the corniest as-

> > pects of cinematic ruff trade and somehow comes through quite unscathed. How? The two-word answer is "Tom Stoppard", as the playwright's sprightly upgrade of a screenplay by Marc Norman allows him a new spin on some of his best - and oldest -



All they stood up in: although how much Joseph Fiennes in 'Shakespeare in Love' (above) owes Rowan Atkinson's 'Blackadder' (below) is most

years ago nowl, Stoppard doodles cheeky marginalia around the edges of Shakespearean lore and legend. In his trademark Existential-Lite fashion, he juggles in that shifting space between art and life, limelight and daylight. If the knowing gags of Blackadder prop up one end of Shakespeare in Love, the theatrical sorcery of Les Enfants du Paradis supports the other Meanwhile, the whole genial shebang coasts along according to the rhythms of the it'llbe-all-right-on-the-night-backstage melodrama. Broadway habes carouse in the gutters of Shoreditch: it's a sort of 42nd Alley.

Needless to say, the conceit of an upstairs-downstairs affair between Joe Fiennes's blocked wordsmith and Gwyneth Paltrow's betrothed heiress owes as much to proven fact as Star Trek does to Stephen Hawking's astrophysics. Not that it ever As in Rosencrontz aspires to authenticity: en route to scabbard in anger again.

and Guildenstern (more than 30 meeting the flame-haired Muse who will inspire Romeo and Juliet, young Will is toiling over a turkey to be called Romeo and Ethel, the Pirate's Daughter. Do we detect a nod to Marc Norman's script for that shipwreck of a seaborne epic, Cutthroat Island? I suspect we do.

Stoppard and Norman know that we know this is mostly amiable tosh. They take aim not at the neb-

Anachronistic gags drop through the script like a downpour on the groundlings' heads. Anthony Sher plays a magus-like shrink who parks the thwarted Will on his couch and asks "Are you lately humbled in the act of love?" A Thames ferryman drones, "I had that Christopher Marlowe in the boat once". And so, inexhaustibly, on,

And yet... If parody alone ac-

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ulous reality of London in 1593 but at the crust of screen cliché that congeals around it. Shakespeare in Love niftily deflates not the actual theatre of the time but the Props Department version of it. One hopes that no film or TV actor will ever dare to give on a goatee or strap on a

counted for the pleasures of the film, would hardly rise above the Monty Python benchmark. The pantomime jokes, the sly asides, the self-conscious historical howlers: all of these ploys inoculate us against the off-putting routines of the period biopic. Yet, once this vaccine kicks in, Stoppard, Norman and Madden can do something rich and strange with a clapped-out genre. Behind the farce and flummery, they sow a genuine sense of the marvels of creation: how a private passion can flow obliquely into public art; or how a rabble of warring egos can somehow come together to make a wondrous new thing on stage (or screen).

This is a truly Shakespearean -

and Stoppardian - insight, even if none of the dates add up, the Sonnets to a male "master-mistress" get redirected to La Paltrow, Judi Dench's Queen drops in on first nights, and Martin Chines gives us the inevitable jowly burst of Burbage Behaving Badly. "It's a mystery", runs a line that passes from character to character like a relay baton - most movingly, when Mark Williams, as the tailor-turned-player who acts the Prologue in Romeo and Juliet, overcomes his stutter to voice the play's opening lines.

In mood, this glimpse of a miracle born out of comic muddle recalls not Romeo itself so much as a A Midsummer Night's Dream. In the Athenian wood, that chaotic "story of the night" grows at last into "something of great constancy, but howsoever strange and admirable". In the eod, it is all right on the night.

Stoppard knows (as Shakespeare did) that you can only reach that still point at the close of a historical romance via frequent recourse to the sort of gags and buffoonery that will scandalise the pedant and the purist. Shakespeare in Love touches a kind of awestruck lyricism through debunking laughter, not in spite of it. Other costume-drama contenders sbould take note - or else make sure that they set their scene securely in the Trouser Age.

'Shakespeare in Love' opens on 29

Truth is the drug

You've got to hand it to James Toback. Few film-makers have gone so far in the name of research and lived to tell the tale. By Liese Spencer

IN 1987 James Toback directed Robert Downey Jr. in The Pick-Up Artist, a breezy romantic comedy about a compulsive womaniser. Over a decade later, director and star are reunited for Two Girls and A Guy, a more sombre dissection of modern relationships which sees Downey's duplicitous charmer cornered by the women he has been two-timing. and made to squirm. "We always wanted to work together again" says Toback, "but it wasn't until I saw Robert handcuffed outside Malibu courthouse in his orange smock that I knew he was ready."

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His unique style of pre-pro-Harvard in the 1960s, where Toback "sought out extreme ex- screenplay: The Gambler. periences". On one occasion, he decided to beat the world record for LSD, dropping a psychotic amount of acid and losing all sense of identity", before a kindly biochemist ended



Toback with a cocktail of heroin and thorazine that glued his

Before his 28th birthday, he had married and divorced an English aristocrat and developed a ferocious gambling habit that would introduce him to a criminal underworld (dramatised in both 1977's Fingers and 1991's Bugsy) and mire him in debt to the time of \$1m.

other people would consider to Toback. "I may be chemically addicted to it. I've had a few near-deatn .xperiences. I like it when the stakes are high."

City College and contributing articles to magazines. Assigned to write a piece on footballplayer Jim Brown, he disappeared into the sportsman's mansion where he swapped lectures for drug-fuelled orduction began as a student at gies. When he surfaced, two years later, he wrote his first

Part Dostoevsky, part autobiography, the film starred James Caan as a risk-addicted academic. With characteristic hyperbole. Toback sees it as his

bler, I don't think I would have had a career in film-making. Left to my own devices, my naturally chaotic and provocative instincts would have long since led me to some catastrophic consequence. I think I would have been dead by now."

Toback's self-mythologising might seem pathetic were it not for the director's determination to translate his existential hell-"I do get excited by what raising into equally risky cinema. To date, Toback's attempts be reckless behaviour," admits to put his student experiences on film in Harvard Man have foundered (although a pre-Titanic di Caprio was "dying to do it", Toback's script was After graduating, Toback turned down by 10 studies). But began teaching at New York's a succession of other, highly personal movies have confirmed critic David Thomson's description of Toback as "America's most uninhibited filmmaker", an auteur unafraid to risk life, limb and pretension to root out larger truths.

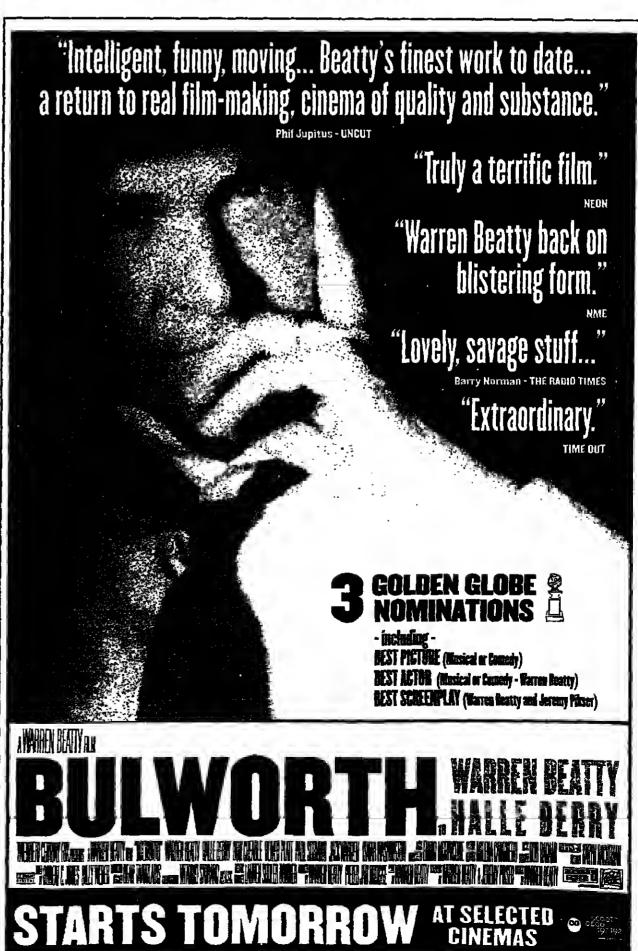
Take his ambitious 1989 documentary, The Big Bong, which saw Toback rounding up a group of 19 talking heads (including an Auschwitz survivor, a movie star and a gangster) to talk about love, sex, death and the whole damn thing. Not all salvation. "If Karel Reisz had such gambles have paid off. Exhis eight-day trip by injecting not chosen to direct The Gam- posed's story of an interna-

tional model (Nastassia Kinski) caught between terrorist Harvey Keitel and violinist Rudolph Nureyev springs to mind. Still, you can't belp but admire Toback's willingness to stake his soul on such "serious and original" film-making.

In Two Girls and A Guy, Toback once again cannibalises his own experience - this time as a shameless philanderer (Spy magazine once devoted a double-page spread to Toback's chat-up lines, which tragically included 'I work closely with Warren Beatty") - to explore wider themes of monogamy and masculinity. Hot on its heels comes Black and White, "a movie about race, sex and identity" starring Brooke Shields, Downey Jr, Mike Tyson and the Wu Tang Clan, inspired by Toback's time "as the only white guy" at Jim Brown's house.

"A friend asked me, 'do you realise the storm this is going to cause?" laughs Toback. "He said, when the film comes out, you're either going to have to stand in the middle of a volcano, or go into hiding"." No guesses which Toback will choose.

Two Girls and A Guy' opens on



The hospitality trade

Tourism, seldom a career choice for graduates, has been given an upgrade. By

Kate Hilpern

Devlin ema degree in popular music and cultural sociology, be had every intention of becoming a music journalist. But only a few months after leaving university, his aspirations not only changed direction completely, but be found himself reaching them within an industry traditionally sneered at by graduates: tourism. What's more, he's earning double what be expected, with double the responsibility. "I started working at the Granada

Studio Tour in Manchester to earn some extra cash while I was a student," be explains. "Now, as entertainments manager, 1'm responsible for a team of 70 people. The next step is becoming operations manager. I never dreamt of coming so far so fast."

The English Tourist Board (ETB) has found it so hard to attract graduates such as Roh, however, that it has launched an urgent recruitment drive. With at least 15 per cent of all vacancies remaining unfilled at any time, the ETB has started a net-based initiative - Career Compass.

"It's an international first in tackling careers information and job opportunities across the breadth of the training and business support at ETB. "Tourism is one of the top five industries in the UK, providing 1.7 million jobs - and yet young people still tend to consider it as an option for the second best. We want to show this image as unfair and inaccurate."

But, he admits, it will be uo mean feat. The industry has not been good on putting out stories of career successes, and with the rise in the num- 14 hours a day." ber of degrees specifically focusing on tourism, job-seekers often wrongly assume this is now a prerequisite for any of the decent positions. "In reality, many graduates choose tourism as a career after they've finished university and therefore have completely unrelated degrees. The reason this is not necessarily a problem is because a lot



As a student, Rob Devlin earned extra cash working on the Granada Studio Tour. Now he's entertainments manager Mortin Rickett

of the companies in tourism believe previous experience is less important than the individual's potential." In other words, for graduate recruits, the subject of your degree may not even

Indeed, Julie Ashton was running a bar in a popular holiday resort - in which she was turning over £400,000 travel, tourism and hospitality indus- and was responsible for the developtries," explains Richard Alien, head of ment of 14 staff - by the time she was 25, just two years out of university. All this with a degree in fine art. "My friends started to envy me immediately - not only because of the status I'd achieved but because the work is such fun. That's exactly what you're there for - to make sure people have fun." But, she claims, it's harder work than she could ever have imagined. "You have to be available for at least

Andrew Palmer of the British Institute of Innkeeping remarks: "In the putting all their eggs in one basket." past, a career in hospitality - which counts for 80 per cent of tourism - was frowned upon by many as being frivolous. But today's companies need graduates to survive, so they're investing in training and good salaries."

Visitor attractions such as Chess-

bouse Forte, are following suit, creating an environment in which graduates can make an immediate impact. But most companies say graduates must be prepared to pitch in with the mundane jobs to get a feel for what it takes to make the day-to-day operations run smoothly and effectively.

"Chessington has made the work for its staff extremely varied," says spokesperson Charlie Broom. "It can mean doing things managers in other industries wouldn't dream of, but it makes the joh far more exciting."

Small wonder that other sectors of the economy are recognising the skills-development that people working within tourism are acquiring, says Richard Allen. "Skills learned in tourism-based industries are transferable. So it's not as if staff are ever not quite so optimistic about the future

nership development manager of the tourist boards are very keen on in- that's what makes it so satisfying Travel and Tourism Programme, enthusiasm, ambition, excellent customer service skills and basic ployment spokesperson. But, like by so many students, parents and business awareness are what the English tourist boards, the problem is educationalists is seen for what it is, tourism industry looks for. The abili-

ington World of Adventures and Thor- ty for candidates to inspire and moti- funding, which prevents them develpe Park, and hotel chains like Trust- vate their team members, have new ideas and deliver more than is expected is paramount - a fact that Sarah Scarratt knows all too well.

> "I got a degree in French, rather than anything vaguely tourism-related, but wound up running guided tours for students at Beaulieu, the national motor museum," she explains. "T'd helped out in the Easter holidays, and was offered a job because I'd revealed the skills they were looking for. It was quite unexpected, but it's been so worthwhile. There are now around 35,000 students visiting a year, which is a hell of a lot to be in charge of, and I've had experiences that I'd never have had anywhere else. In fact, it wasn't long before I was promoting the

tours abroad on a regular basis.' But the Scottish National Party is of careers within tourism as its Engcounterparts, "I know Scotla they are hampered by discretionary he claims - completely outdated.

oping long-term strategies to promote the sector.

"They literally exist from year to year. The Government has to say that tourism is important in order for this problem to be overcome," he claims. "In some areas, it is the biggest industry." In Scotland, for instance, tourism is higger than the whisky, oil, car and agricultural industries combined in terms of employment. But with little job security, graduates may be put off. Nevertheless, claims Brian

Prescott, with an increase in staff at graduate level, the success of British tourism could grow to such an extent that funding is made more permanent. "It can make a career in tourism even more attractive to graduates because It's more of a challenge,' he says.

Rob Devlin agrees. "Trying to help run any business which relies on visitors keeps you on your feet. And creasing the training of people in the when it works." It's high time that industry," says Alisdair Morgan, em- the negative image of the industry held

On the trail to success

CV MARK DIXON

MARK DIXON, 37, is executive chairman and founder of Regus, Europe's largest operator of business centres. He left school to trek around the world in search of learning experiences. He obviously picked up a few things — Regus now has a turnover of £128m.

At 16 years old, when I'd reached the top of my school, I decided that the education system was a little slow for me. I knew that my contemporaries would be going to college and I wanted to have really got somewhere by the time they were

My first project was setting up a simple business called Dial-a-Snack, delivering sandwiches on a bike. It was great, but I soon realised that if I just earned money without learning anything, I wasn't going to make it. So after six months I sold the business and went off to trek around the world.

The first stop was France. My parents were mortified and thought I had thrown everything away. But I wound up getting a job in Papagayo, probably the most famous bar/ restaurant in France. I quickly learnt everything there is to know about running restaurants and clubs and dealing with lots of people. It was to stand me in good stead for ever. After eight months, I

prepared for my next venture - back-tracking across Asia. Then, at 18, I went walking around Australia, where I also wound up selling encyclopaedias, working in an iron mine, and

When I got back to England, I started up in the bot-dog van business. I quickly went from having one van to six vans. A



couple of years later I moved into making hamburger buns - that became the third biggest firm, making 8,000 buns a week and employing 100plus people. It broke my heart, but I sold it after five years for £800,000 my first big sale.

Next, I decided I wanted to do business in Europe, so in early 1989 I moved to Brussels and looked around for the right kind of husiness. I opened Regus in September.

There were two main things that attracted me to the idea. First, business centres at that time were catering to small firms, whereas they should have been after middle-sized and big ones. And secondly, the property husiness was, and still is, one of the last basions of not "talking to your customer" and finding out their needs. One of our key strategic goals now is to open a centre in every country in the world.

My travelling years really set me up: they taught me bow to get things done and be resourceful. There is no safety net. Nothing has daunted me since then: But you've got to have a strict plan. You can't just burn around or you end up wasting your life. I could France - it's a good life. But I knew that one day, I'd want something more.

MARK OLIVER

Parents without power

and the opposing PR offensives, what the Bramleys have powerlessness experienced by foster-parents in the situation that the couple were in last August. The whole thrust of the legislative framework is aimed at protecting the child, and not at belping foster-parents or would-be adopters, no matter how deserving or desperate they appear to be. The recent move by

AMID ALL the media coverage

Cambridgeshire Council in the much-publicised case of Jade and Hannah Bennett was obviously made with an eye to taking some of the heat out of the opposition to its social services department caused by Jeff and Jenny Bramley's dramatic gesture. It is likely that Cambridgeshire has had to discharge its care orders over both girls in order to invoke the assistance of the High Court's inherent jurisdiction. By doing this, the council has shifted the responsibility of deciding the future of the two girls away from itself and into the High Court - the independent body which the Bramleys sought.

The court has appointed the Official Solicitor to act as guardian ad litem for Jade and Hannah, which ensures that an experienced member of a central government department will investigate all the circumstances, consider what is in the girls' best interests, and make representation to the court on their behalf.

Given the number of natural parents and foster-parents involved, the Bramleys, as parties to the proceedings, may make whatever application to the court they wish through their solicitor, including one to adopt the girls; the girls' natural

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parents may be separately represented. In the meantime, no major change will be made

The question to ask is: why wasn't this step taken earlier? The Bramleys had been missing for 17 weeks with the two girls before Cambridgeshire social services department - publicly at any rate - started making conciliatory noises. But the legal process the

without the court's sanction.

local authority has invoked is unusual - the council had to satisfy the court that the result that the council wanted to achieve could be achieved by the court only through its jurisdiction, and that there was reasonable cause to believe that the children were likely to suffer significant harm if that jurisdiction were not exercised.

Admittedly, the legal remedies open to foster-parents who are unhappy about a local authority's decision to remove a child from their care (subject to a care order) are not extensive. There are a number of possibilities, but the time limits attached to the first two meant that neither was open to the

If the child has lived with them for at least three years, foster-parents may make an application under the Children Act for a residence order. If they do not satisfy the three-year residence condition, they must first obtain the consent of the local authority.

■ They can apply for an adoption order - but, without local authority hacking, the child/ren must have lived with them for 12 months or more.

They can apply for an emergency protection order (EPO), which would prohibit the local authority from removing the child. An EPO would buy only eight days' grace. They can ask the

Divisional Court for leave to proceed with a judicial review of the local authority decision. It is also possible for foster-

parents to follow the complaints procedure that local authorities have set up, or to ask the local authority to review its decision, and in both cases they can call on the authority to move quickly and to leave the child in their care in the meantime so that he or she has some stability.

But none of these will seem particularly appealing to fosterparents who are aggrieved by what they may well see as impenetrable decision-making by the social services department. Now that the drama of the Bramleys' bid for parental power is being played out within the safety of the High Court, it may be time to consider realistically whether we really want social workers to focus on the welfare of would-be adopters - or on the welfare of

Pauline Fowler is a partner in the family department at Bates Wells & Braithwaite

the children.

Britain's top campaigning lawyer is determined to make a difference. By Linda Tsang

Day of the public is here

know; that is his own description of himself. But if you are an individual wanting to take on the nuclear industry, the tobacco industry, or both the Japanese and the British goverament, he is probably the kind of "awkward" lawyer whom you want on your side.

Last week, be met Derek Fatchett, the Foreign Office minister, as part of the ongoing quest for compensation and an apology for Japanese prisoners of war. Day's involvement with the case began in 1994 when his uncle, John Gott, asked him to advise the Japan Labour Camp Survivor's Association. The case collapsed at the end of last year in the Tokyo courts, but Day says that, after last week's meeting, it is possible that the Gov-

ernment will reconsider its position. Day is looking for £13,500 compensation for each of his clients, who received £76 apiece when they returned from Japan in 1955. He says: "Either the British Government will be persuaded to make a claim under Article 26 of the 1951 Peace Treaty with Japan, or the Government will have to pay our claim Obviously, the PoWs would prefer that the money come from Japan, and that would still leave the issue of an

apology open." Taking on causes like these has led some to describe Day as a lawyer for lost causes. He has London Docklands Development Board over public nuisance.

The tobacco litigation is also back on track after numerous cases "which pootled on for four years revolving around legal aid are "totally uncharted waters to Day He is in a posfunding". The Court of Appeal is what appeals to Day He is in a posfunding". The Court of Appeal is what appeals to Day He is in a posfunding". The Court of Appeal is what appeals to Day He is in a posfunding accountant, he decided to do law at evidence is manufactured. due to deliver its judgment in ition now where he looks for the pio- accountant, he decided to do law, at evidence is mounting up."

MARTYN DAY, a solicitor, is "awk- February on whether a number of ward and bolshie" - and be should lung cancer victims are timebarred from continuing in the case. Day says: "What is quite crucial for us is that this is the first time that the judge has looked at the case in any depth.

The judge will look at the merits of the case - and bow he deals with the eight lead plaintiffs will be significant. If he threw all eight cases out, it wouldn't be the end; we still have a group who can continue the case. But we would be very nervous if be made that decision."

The tobacco companies are following this case with keen interest. This is one of the first and largest cases to be run on the basis of no win, no fee, or as Day has called it, "no win, no fee and possible bankruptcy". He estimates that both his firm, Leigh Day & Co, and Irwin Mitchell, have "put up serious money" for this case, investing £3m to £4m in costs

Day also says it is an indication of the commitment of the barristers he has instructed - Robert Owen QC and Brian Langstaff QC - that they are also prepared to act in what may be a six month trial, and have de-

ferred payment of their fees. Also, with the recent clamp-down on legal aid, the Lord Chancellor is keeping an eye on the litigation and the way that conditional fees are used in such cases. Day does admit: "If we win, it will persuade other challenged British Nuclear Fuels firms to take cases on this basis. But (BNFL), and sued ICI and the if we don't win, apart from a number of 'I told you so's' for this firm, Foreign Secretary, Michael Howard, having persuaded my partners once and Chris Patten, the former gov. to do this sort of case, I can't see us ernor of Hong Kong.

doing it again." The fact that his two major cases and accountancy were the only two



Martyn Day, champion of the underdog

neering cases, and is interested in "crafting a case that is unusual".

The point of the firm, which was set up in the late Eighties, was "to give the ordinary man or woman who has been injured in an unusual way the opportunity to take on the corporate world with all its resources. That has been our skill, and

where we can make a difference." Almost all the cases that Day and his firm have taken on have been widely reported in the media. His view is that with such long-running battles, getting positive coverage is part of the lawyer's role in acting for the underdog. With the PoWs' case, be has the backing of the shadow

Day chose to do law because law options that vaguely interested him.

Warwick, and came to London to do articles. He ended up at the legal aid firm Bindman & Partners, where he threatened to strike over the low pay of the support staff. He was offered a partnership, but left to set up his current firm with Sarah Leigh. The firm now has 14 partners.

Now 41, and with four children aged between two and eight, he quotes the lawyer whom he considers his role model of sorts, Rodger Pannone, senior partner at Pannone & Partners, who told him to "remember your family; the kids are only young once, and you only have one wife at a time"

Day is also looking at other areas where his firm can "make a difference. It's right and proper that we can use the legal system to bring the chickens home to roost against big business. A year ago the bealth

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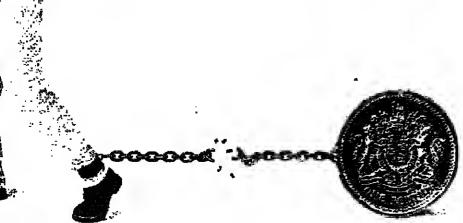
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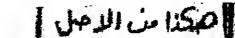
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NEW FILMS

BUTTONERS (KNOFLIKARI) (NCI Director: Petr Zelenka

Starring: Jiri Kodel, Bonjov Navratil Skipping without warning from pre-Bomb Hirosbima to the present-day Czech Republic, Zelenka's curious little portmanteau piece dovetails a set of six short-stories, some wacky, some sad and all implicitly concerned with notions of forgiveness, community and social tolerance.

Inevitably, Buttoners is a mixed bag, saddled with some duff Forties period details plus a smattering of awkward, amateur eight performances. Still, no matter: Zelenka's droll good-humour and airy idiosyncracies ensure his film is emphatically more treat than trick. West Trocodero End: ICA Cinema

DOBERMANN (18)

Director: Jan Kounen Starring: Vinceni Cassel, Tcheky Karyo

Vincent Cassel's born-to-be-bad gangster struts and soeers his way through a gleamingly abstracted Paris. Tcheky Karyo's bad-egg cop looks on balefully. Big guns go off, red sportscars cruise down open freeways, and lilylivered bystanders blub like babies. So this is what the new French cinema is all about: endless stylised carnage and iconic posing, plus a script that's going nowhere fast. Kounen's en-plein-visage actioner comes with the thumbprints of Reservoir Dogs and Luc Besson all over it. But there's oo wit. oo urgency - oo nothing, really, beyond a few neat set-pieces and lots of gurning overacting. Kounen goes a bundle on sudden zooming close-ups. West End: Clapham Picture House. Metro, Odeon Camden Town, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero

MEET JOE BLACK (15) Oirector: Martin Brest

Starring: Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins

Picking his way through Brest's underdeveloped overhaul of 1934's Death Takes a Holiday goes Brad Pitt's aquiline Grim Reaper. who gets chaperoned round the everyday

delights of Planet Earth by Anthony Hopkins's dving billionaire. The introductions complete, Brest throws in a romance (between Pitt and Claire Forlani's soulful debutantt, a few airbrusbed life-lessons, then leaves his tale to drift along for close on three hours. So while Meet Joe Black has a few neat themes, and a reliably solid turn from Hopkins, it's too much a picture of disparate pieces, each played out to their individual lengthy agendas, with no glue in the middle, just vapour. West End: Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin

THE OPPOSITE OF SEX 118) Olrector: Don Roos

Starring: Christina Ricci, Martin Donovan See The Independent Recommends, right. West End: Barbican Screen, Clapham Picture House, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Warner Village West End

SOUR GRAPES (15) Olrector: Larry David

Starring: Craid Bierko, Sleven Weber TV wisdom has it that Seinfeld slumped after co-creator David bailed out of the show, Trouble is, the man's feature-length writingdirecting effort is no great shakes: a Seinfeldian comedy of urban ocuroses hingeing on the familial spat between Craig Bierko's jackpol winner and the cousin iSteven Weberl

who lent him the coins to play the slot-machine. The dialogue is honed and witty, the situations generally funny and tightly rendered. It's just that Sour Grapes slowly runs out of breath the further it pushes past the 25-minute length. The insistent score and over-eager acting take on an increasing whiff of desperation. West End: Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

Xan Brooks

THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS

THE FIVE BEST FILMS

The Opposite of **Sex** (18)

Christina Ricci plays 16year-old bitch-on-wheels Dedee, shooting from the lip and causing all kinds of havoe when she moves in with her mild-mannered brother (Martin Donovan; right). Director Don

Roos's script bristles with acidulous one-liners.

The Truman Show (PG)

Peter Weir's ingenious, unsettling fantasy is, in the end, an escape movie - in the case of Truman Burbank (Jim Carrey), it's breaking out of the round-the-clock TV docu-soap that is his own life.

Darren Aronofsky's debut, filmed in soory blackand-white, tells the stury of a genius mathematician. This stylish indie movie learlessly combines Wall Street. Jewish mysticism and nightmarish headaches.

Computer-inimated comedy voiced by a stellar east features Woody Allen as a worker ant who becomes an unlikely war bero and opponent of the colony's totalitarian regime. Terrific lun.

The Dream Life of Angels (18) Erick Zonca's remarkable début draws its strength from the contrasting personalities of Isa (Elotic Bouchez) and Marie (Natacha Regnier), whose friendship comes alive amid the drab environs of Lille.

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THE FIVE BEST PLAYS

The Invention of Love

(Theatre Royal, Haymarket) A witty, heartbreaking funtasia by Tom Stoppard on the twin passions of AE Housman: scholarship and an unavailable beterosexual friend. To 6 Feb

Kafka's Dick (Piccadilly Theatre)

Spiriting Kafka to suborban England, this uproarious romp by Alan Bennett survives some peculiar easting in Peter Hall's revival.

Copenhagen (Cottesioe)

Profound and haunting meditation by Michael Frayn on science, morality and the mysteries of human motivation. To 27 Jan

The Winter's Tale (RSC, Stratford)

An amazingly rich and complex performance from Antony Sher in Gregory Doran's Romanov-style production. In rep to 4 Mar

Martin Yesterday (Royal Exchange, Manchester)

Marianne Ellion (right) directs this sharp new play from cult Canadian dramatist Brad "Unidentified Humao Remains Fraser, To 6 Feb

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THE FIVE BEST SHOWS

Andreas Gursky (Serpentine Gallery) Photographs 1994-98 (right): wide-vision, high-finish.

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(Whitworth Gallery, Manchester) This upbeat, 1998 Turner Prize-winner creates dense, decorative paintings with swirk of dots. eyes, Afros, black icons and halls of elephant dung, To 24 Jun

woodcarver, who made intricacy and the

abundance of nature his trademark. To 24 Jan

Bridget Riley (Abbot Hall Gallery, Kendal) A small retrospective, spanning Riley's career as top British abstractionist - from the shimmering monochromes of her early Sixties Op Art fame.

to colour, stripes, diagonals, curves, To 31 Jan **Oppé Watercolour Collection** (Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge)

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GENERAL RELEASE

THE ACID HOUSE (18)

A trio of interrelated shorts culled from the stories of Irvine Welsh, The Acid House plays out in the down-and-dirty landscape of inner-city Edinburgh, and darts with brio between a range of moods and tones. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Ritzy Cinema, Warner Village West End

ANTZ (PG)

See The Independent Recommends, right. West End: UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsen, Virgin Trocadero

THE APPLE (SIB) (PG)

Seventeeo-year-old Samirah Makhmalbaf's precocious début stages a true-life re-creation of the fortunes of Iran's Naderi sisters. This is a luminous, extraordinary missive from a burgeoning Iranian film scene. West End: Metro, Renoir

BABE: PIG IN THE CITY (U)

The follow-up to Babe tosses the hapless "sheep pig" into the midst of the city where he becomes nlikely saviour of a bunch of assorted waits West End: Plaza, UCI Whiteleys

See The Independent Recommends, right. West End: ABC Swiss Centre

THE DREAM LIFE OF ANGELS (18)

ELIZABETH (15)

Shekhar Kapur's follow-up to Bondit Queen is the story of a female figurehead struggling to gain purchase in a male world. But Kapur largely neglects the opportunities for fun in a story of independence triumphing over cruelty. West End: ABC Panton Street, Curzon Minema, Odeon

ENEMY OF THE STATE (15)

Will Smith's fall-guy DA teams up with Gene Hackman's pensioned-off Pentagon warhorse, probes a political cover-up and gets embroiled in all manner of Big Brother-type trouble. A big, noisy and effectively claustrophobic conspiracy thriller. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, Ritzy Cinema. UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Fulham Road

LITTLE VOICE (15)

Holed up in her bedroom, timid Jane Horrocks perfects strident Shirley Bassey/Judy Garland impersonations when she falls in with Michael Caine's sleazy impresario. Though bitty at times, Little Voice is redeemed by bracing black comedy, Horrocks's vocal pyrotechnics, plus a marvellously weighted turn from Caine. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Barbican Screen, Chelsea Cinema, Clapham Picture House, Curzon Mayfair, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, Renoîr, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road

THE MASK OF ZORRO (PG)

This swashbuckler gallops full-speed through 19th-century California in the company of Antonio Banderas's authentically Hispanic do-gooder. West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Mezzanine. Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

OUT OF SIGHT (15)

George Clooney plays the law-breaking hero as a down-and-dirty version of Cary Grant, and turns in the best performance of his career so far. West End: Plaza, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero

THE PARENT TRAP (PG)

The Parent Trap catches Disney reheating its 1961 heart-warmer into a cross-cultural caper starring Lindsay Lohan as the separated-atbirth twin sisters determined to get their parents (Natasha Richardson, Dennis Quaid) back togethec West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage

See The Independent Recommends, right. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Curzon Soho, Gate Notting Hill, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on the heaven, before jetting southward to rescue his Green, Screen on the Hill

THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (U)

In planning his cartoon life of Moses, DreamWorks boncho Jeffrey Katzenberg envisaged it "painted by Claude Monet and photographed by David Lean". The eod result winds up as The Ten Commandments by way of Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat, West End: Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero

PSYCHO 1151

Gus Van Sant's shot-by-shot Psycho reconstruction is a bizarre undertaking. Hefty Vince Vaughn stands in for twitchy Anthony Perkins, and Anne Heche for Janet Leigh. Meantime, Van Sant simply runs through a karaoke cover-version of the Hitchcock classic; a pitch-perfect bit of movie mimicry which has a definite curiosity value without ever adding up to much more besides. West End: Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Haymarket

RUSH HOUR (15)

Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker star in this hit-andmiss affair. West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village

THE SIEGE (15)

A rare Hollywood attempt to get to grips with contemporary geopolitics, The Siege winds up a hopelessly fingers-and-thumbs affair. The plot gets draped with all manner of garbled goings-on as Denzel Washington's FBI man rubs shoulders with Bruce Willis's army renegade. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Leicester Square, Odeon Mnrble Arch. Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleya, Virgin Chelsea

SITCOM (181

Someone ought to introduce François Ozon to a good editor. The débuting French film-maker is clearly a man of talent, but, in Sitcom, he lets his ideas maraud madly off the leash. In this scattergun satire of middle-class mores. Ozon takes abundant pleasure in dismantling a standard ouclear family. The result is sharp, savage and fimny one moment and indulgeot the next. West End: Curzon Minema, Curzon Soho

STAR TREK: INSURRECTION (PG)

A belated Christmas gift for Trekkies the land over, Insurrection hits the cinemas stuffed with in-the-know gags and wrapped up in more comball romance than we're used to. The nominal story sees Patrick Stewart's do-gooding captain tangling with villainous F Murray Abraham, who's hatched a scheme to take over a planet of perpetual youth. Weat End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensitaton, Odeon Marble Arch, Plaza, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (15) Ben Stiller, Cameron Diaz and Matt Dilloo star In this latest comedy from the pathologically tasteless writer-director team of Peter and Bobby Farrelly. The film is basically a softcentred romantic comedy of the kind that drifts out of Hollywood on a regular basis. The gags never amount to more than vulgar icing on an unexeptionally bland cake. West End: ABC Piccadilly, Odeon Mezzanine

TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT (PG)

The immortal "You know how to whistle, don't you?" line aside. To Have and Have Not has come to be more regarded for its behind-the-scenes history than its narrative content. Bogart is the Martiniquebased skipper sandwiched between the Vichy government and the Free French resistance. West End: Curzon Soho

THE TRUMAN SHOW (PG) See The Independent Recommends, right. West

WHAT DREAMS MAY COME (15) Robin Williams perfects a lopsided simper as the dead chappie who lights out to a cod-Impressionist suicide-bride. West End: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue CINEMA WEST END

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VIRGIN HAYMARKET (0870-907 0712) & Piccadilly Circus My Name Is Joe 12.55pm, 3.40pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm Psycho 1pm, 3.30pm, 6.10pm (Mon-Wed), 8.35pm What Dreams May

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Grapes 12.10pm, 2.20pm,
4.40pm, 7pm, 9.10pm Star Trek:
Insurrection 1pm, 3.40pm,
6.40pm, 9.15pm

WARNER VILLAGE WEST END (0171-437 4343) & Leicester Square The Acid House 1.30pm, 4pm. 6.40pm Blade 9.30pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.15pm, 3.50pm, 6pm, 8.20pm The Mask Of Zorro 12.10pm, 3pm, 5.50pm, 9pm The Negotiator 11.40am, 2.40pm, 9pm The Opposite Of Sex 1pm, 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 8.50pm A Perfect Murder 1.10pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm Rush Hour 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.50pm, 6.50pm 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.50pm, 9.20pm Sour Grapes 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 6.10pm, 8.30pm What 3.10pm, 6.10pm, 8.30pm What Dreams May Come 12.50pm, 3.30pm, 6.35pm, 9.05pm.

> **CINEMA** LONDON LOCALS

PARK ROYAL WARNER VILLAGE

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BECKENHAM ABC (0870 9020412) BR: Beckenham Junction Enemy of the State 2pm, 5,30pm, 8.15pm Meet Joe Black 1.20pm, 7.20pm The Prince of Egypt 5pm Psycho 8.30pm Star Trek: Insurrection 1.10pm, 3.45pm, 6.10pm

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CROYDON CLOCKTOWER (0181-253 1030) BR: Croydon West/East Little Voice 4pm. 6.15pm, 8.30pm (+ Whoosh) Shine 1pm

WARNER VILLAGE (0181-680 8090) BR: East Croydon Enemy of the State 3.30pm, 6.30pm, 9.30pm Little Voice 2.10pm, 4.30pm. Little Voice 2.10pm, 4.30pm, 7.05pm, 9.10pm The Mask of Zorro 2.40pm, 5.40pm, 8.30pm Meet Joe Black 1pm, 4.50pm, 8.40pm My Name Is Joe 7.10pm The Parent Trap 1.20pm, 4.10pm The Prince of Egypt 2.20pm, 4.40pm Psycho 9.40pm Rush Hour 9.50pm The Siege 1.10pm, 3.50pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm Star Trek: Insurrection 1.40pm, 4pm, 6.20pm, 9pm

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The Siege 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm,
9pm Star Trek: Insurrection
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NORTH FINCHLEY WARNER VILLAGE (0181-446 WARNER VILLAGE (0181-446) 9344)

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WARNER VILLAGE (0171-604 3110) O Finchley Road Enemy of the State 1pm. 3.30pm, 6.20pm. 9.20pm Little Voice 1.50pm, 4pm. 6.30pm, 9pm The Mask of Zorro 4.20pm, 10pm Meet Joe Black 1.25pm, 5.05pm, 8.45pm The Opposite of Sex 2,20pm. 4,40pm. 7,20pm. 9,50pm Psycho 10,20pm The Siege 1.30pm, 4.10pm, 6.50pm, 7.10pm, 9.40pm Sour Grapes 7.45pm Star Trek: Insur-rection 2.10pm, 4.50pm, 7.30pm,

GOLDERS GREEN ABC (0181-455 1724) ⊕ Golders

GREENWICH CINEMA (0181-293 0101) BR: Greenwich Enemy of the State 3.40pm, 6.15pm, 9pm Little Voice 4.55pm, 7pm, 9.05pm My Name is Joe 8.50pm Star Trek: Insurrection

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HOLLOWAY ODEON (08705 050007) + Archway Enemy of the State 2.50pm. 5.40pm, 8.30pm Little Voice 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.20pm, 8.50pm The Mask of Zorro 2.15pm, 5.20pm, 8.15pm Meet Joe Black 12.20pm, 4pm, 7.40pm Psycho 1.05pm, 3.25pm, 6pm, 9pm Rush Hour 1.40pm, 4.05pm, 6.30pm The Siege 12.25pm, 3.10pm, 6pm, 8.45pm Star Trek: Insurrection

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ABC (0870-9020413) © Belsize Park Enemy of the State 8.15pm Little Voice 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm 8.45pm Meet Joe Black 3pm, 7.20pm Star Trek: Insurrection 2.40pm, 5.50pm

SAFARI (0181-426 0303) & Harrow on the Hill/Harrow & Wealdstone The Soldier (Asian Film) 8.45pm

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THE TRICYCLE CINEMA(0171-1000) O Kilburn The Fountainhead Thu 3pm Little Voice 6.30pm, 8.45pm (+ Short: Kings of Siam with 8.45pm performance only)

KINGSTON

ABC OPTIONS (0870-9020409) BR: Kingston Enemy of the State 2.25pm. 5.15pm, 8.05pm Meet Joe Black 2.15pm, 7.15pm Psycho 8.25pm Star Trek: Insurrection 2.15pm, 6.05pm

MUSWELL HILL

ODEON (08705 050007) Highgate Enemy of the State 3.45pm. 8.30pm Meet Joe Black 12.40pm. 4.10pm, 4.10pm, 7.40pm The Siege 1.10pm, 3.50pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm Star Trek: Insurrection 1.35pm, 6.20pm

PECKHAM

PREMIER (0181-235 3006) BR: Perkham Rye Enemy of the State 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 9pm Little Voice 5.05pm, 7.10pm, 9.15pm Meet Joe Black 4.55pm, 8.30pm My Name ls Joe 7pm Psycho 4.45pm, 7.05pm, 9.25pm Rush Hour 9.10pm The Slege 4.20pm, 6.50pm, 9.20pm Star Trek: Insurrection 1pm, 5pm

ABC (0870-9020407(BR: Purley Meet Joe Black 7.10pm The Slege 5.10pm, 8.10pm Star Trek: Insur-

ABC (0870 9020401) & Putney 8ridge 8R: Putney. Enemy of the State 6pm, 9pm Little Voice 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm Meet Joe Black 1pm, 4.45pm, 3.30pm Star Trek: Insurrection

ODEON (08705 050007) 8R/O-Richmond Little Voice 2pm, 4.20pm, 7pm, 9.30pm Meet Joe Black 12.20pm, 4.30pm, 8.20pm The Siege 12,40pm, 3.20pm, 6.20pm, 9.10pm

ODEON STUDIO (08705 050007) BR/O Richmond Enemy of the State 3pm, 6pm, 9pm The Mask of Zorro 2.40pm, 5.40pm, 8.40pm The Prince of Egypt 2.10pm, 4.20pm Psycho 6.30pm, 9.20pm Star Trek: Insurrection 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.50pm,

ROMFORD

ABC 10870-9020419] BR: Romford Enemy of the State 8.10pm Meet Joe Black 2.20pm, 7.20pm Psycho 2.30pm, 5.55pm. 8.25pm Star Trek: Insurrection 2.15pm, 5.40pm

ODEON LIBERTY 2 (08705 050007(BR: Romford Enemy of the State 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 5.45pm, 3.30pm The Land Girls 6.30pm Lit-3.30pm The Land Girls 6.30pm Little Voice 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.15pm, 3.40pm The Mask of Zorro 2.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.15pm Meet Joe Black 12.30pm, 4pm, 7.30pm The Parent Trap 12.45pm, 3.30pm The Prince of Egypt 1.45pm Psycho 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm Rush Hour 8.50pm The 5lege 12.45pm, 3.15pm, 5.50pm, 8.20pm Star Trek: Insurrection 1pm, 3.30pm, 5pm, 8.30pm

ABC (0541-555131(BR: 5ldcup Brassed Off 11.30am, 3.30pm Meet Joe Black 3.15pm, 7.15pm Psycho 8.30pm 5tar Trek: Insurrection 6pm

STAPLES CORNER VIRGIN (0870-9070717) 8R: Crick-16wood Enemy of the State 3pm, 5.50pm, 8,45pm Little Voice 2.10pm, 4.25pm, 6.50pm, 9.15pm Meet Joe Black 12.45pm, 4.30pm, 15pm The Prince of Egypt .25pm. 4.40pm Psycho 8.45pm Rush Hour 7pm, 9.20pm The Siege 15pm, 3.50pm, 6.35pm, 9.15pm Star Trek: Insurrection 1pm, 3 30pm, 6.15pm

STREATHAM ABC [0870-9020415] Sueatham Hill Aritz 1.40pm Meet Joe Black 3.40pm, 7.20pm The Prince of Egypt 1.50pm Psycho 2.20pm, 5.55pm, 8.25pm Star Trek: Insurrection 4pm, 6.20pm;

ODEON (08705 050007(BR: Streatham Hill/O Brixton/Clapham Common Enemy of the State 12.10pm, 2.55pm, 5.40pm, 8.25pm Little Voke 1,20pm, 3,40pm, 6pm, 8,20pm The Prince of Egypt 12,15pm, 2,20pm, 4,30pm Rush Hour 6.35pm, 8.45pm The Slege 1pm. 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.40pm Star Trek: Insurrection 1.30pm, 3.50pm.

STRATFORD NEW STRATFORD PICTURE HOUSE (0181-555 3366(BR/O Stratiord East Enemy of the State 2.30pm, 5.50pm, 8.35pm Little Voice 1.35pm, 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm Meet Joe Black 1.30pm, 4.45pm .45pm. 8pm Psycho 4pm, 9pm Star Trek: Insurrection 2pm

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stow Central Enemy of the State 7.20pm The Siege 2pm, 5.10pm, 8.10pm Star Trek: Insurrection 2.30pm, 5.20pm

FIALTON ON THAMES THE SCREEN AT WALTON (01932-52825(BR: Walton on Thames Little Voice 3.30pm, 6.40pm 8.50pm Meet Joe Black 3pm.

CORONET (0181-850 33S1 8.10pm Psycho 6.10pm. 8.40nm Star Trek: Insurrection 4pm.

WILLESDEN BELLE-VUE (0181-830 0822) O Willesden Green Kuch Kuch Hota Hal (phone for times) The Prince of Egypt 4.45pm Star Trek: in-surrection 6.45pm, 9.15pm

WIMEL EDON ODEON (08705 050007) BR/e-Wimbledon/O South Wimbledo Enemy of the State 2.30pm, 5.25pm, 8.20pm Little Voice 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm Meet Joe Black 12.20pm, 3.50pm, 7.30pm The Siege 2.45pm, 5.45pm, 8.30pm Star Trek: Insurrection 1.45pm, 4.05pm, 6.25pm, 8.45pm

WOODFORD ABC (0181-989 3463) + South Woodford Enemy of the State 8pm Meet Joe Black 2.30pm, 7.30pm Psycho 2.20pm, 6.10pm, 8.30pm Star Trek: Insurrection 2.40pm, 5.40pm

WOOLWICH CORONET (0181-854 5043) 8R: Woolwich Arsenal Psycho 6.10pm. 8.40pm The Slege 3.35pm, 6pm, 8.30pm Star Trek: Insurrection 4pm

WOOD GREEN NEW CURZON (0181-347 6664) 0 Tumpike Lane Kuch Kuch Hota Hall 2pm, 8.45pm Zakhm 5.30pm

> **CINEMA** REPERTORY

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THE LUX CINEMA Hoxton Square N1 (0171-684 0201(Berlin - Symphony of a Great City (U) 7 pm (+ Shorts(Life in the Fast Lane: The No M11 Story (NC) 9pm (+ Short)

NFT South Bank SE1 (0171-928 3232(The Horse Whisperer (PG) 2.30pm The American Soldier: Fassbinder (NC) 6.15pm Key Largo (PG) 6.30pm La Chienne (NC) 7.30pm Men with Guns (15) 8.30pm The Bitter Tears of Petra Von Kant (18) 8.40pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place WC2 (0171-437 8181) The Big Lebowski (18) 1pm Snake Eyes (15) 3.45pm Rounders (15) 9pm RIVERSIDE STUDIOS CINEMA Crisp Road W6 (0171-420 0100) Ze-

ro Effect (1S) 6.30pm + The Last Days of Disco 8.50pm **WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE** High Street, Brentford (0181-5681176) Out of Sight (15) 1.30pm, 7pm Lit-

DUKE OF YORK'S CINEMA (01273-602503) The Fountainhead (PG) 2pm x (Pi) (15(4.15pm, 8.50pm Sognl D'Oro (NC) 6.30pm

cle Voice (1S) 5pm, 9pm

CUBE CINEMA (0114-907 4191) Wild Angels (NC) 8.30pm

WATERSHED (0117-925 3845) The Acid House (18) 6pm, 8.25pm Little Voice (15) 6.05pm, 8.35pm

CAMBRIDGE ARTS CINEMA (01223-504444) Sitcom (18) 12.30pm Dober-mann (18) 2.30pm, 9.20pm Metropolis (PG) 5pm Fire (15) 7.15pm

CARDIFF CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-399666) The Truman Show (PG) 6.15pm The Acid House (18)

CHICHESTER NEW PARK FILM CENTRE (01243-786650) My Name is Joe (15) 30pm, 6.30pm Déja Vu (15) 4pm

Marquise (15) 9pm FILM THEATRE (01473-215544)

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CINEMA CITY (01603-622047(Marquise (15) 2.30pm, 5.45pm The Truman Show (PG) 8.15pm

CINEMA COUNTRYWIDE

ABC CINEMA (01225-461730): Antz (PG): Meet Joe Black (12) Babe: Pig in the City (U(; The Land Girls (12): Little Voice (15): The Mask of Zorro (PG)

ROBINS CINEMA (0 | 225-461506): Enemy of the State (15): Lost In Space (PG): The Parent Trap (PG): The Prince of Egypt (U): The Slege (15): Star Trek: Insurrection

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the City (U); Meet Joe Black (12): The Prince of Egypt (U): Psycho

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ent Trap (PG)

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THEATRE

Ticket availability details are for today, times and prices for the week; running times include intervals. - Seats at all prices I — Seats et some prices O — Returns only Mathnees — [1]: Sun, [3]: Tue, [4]: Wed, [5]: Thur, [6]: Fri, [7]: Sat

ALARMS AND EXCURSIONS Michae) Frayn's new comedy about a dinner party which is interrupted by mysterious messages stars Fe-licity Kendal and Josie Lawrence. Gielgud Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5]]7) 3pm, £19.50-£27.50 £12.50-£17.50 (restricted views), 130 mins.

♠ AMADEUS David Suchet stars as Salieri in Peter Shaffer's acclaimed drama. Old Vic The Cut. SE1 (0171-928 7616/cc 420 0000(BR/O Waterloo, Mon-Sat 7,30pm. [4][7] 2.30pm, £7.50-£30. 180 mins.

● ANNIE Rags to riches story of the optimistic orphan. Victoria Palace Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317) BR/O Victoria. Tue-Sat 7.30pm. [4][7) 2.30pm. [1) 4pm. £7.50-£32.50. 165 mlns.

DART Larry Lamb, Jack Dee, Tim Healy in Yasmina Reza's comedy Healy in Yasmina Reza's comed about art and friendship. Wyno ham's Charing Cross Road. WC2 (0171-369 1736/cc 0171-867 1111(& Leic Sq. Tue-Sat 8pm, [4) 3pm, [7][1] 5pm, £9.50-£27.50. 90 mins.

THE BEAST Lavish family musical based nn Disney's cartoon version of the favourite fairy tale. Dominion Tottenham Court Road. W1 (0171-656 1888) & Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7(2.30pm. £18.50-£35, 150 mins.

• BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Russell's long-running Liverpool musical melodrama. Phoenix Charing Cross Road. WC2 (0171-369 1733(\text{ \text{ PLeic Sq/Tott Ct Rd, Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [5] 3pm. [7] 4pm, £11.50-£32.50, 165 m/ms.

● BUDDY Musical biog-show trac-ing the brief life of Buddy Holly. Strand Aldwych. WC2 (0171-930 8800) ◆ Covent Garden/Charing X. Tue-Thur 8pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30pm, mats [1) 4pm, £10-£27, half price Friday

● CATS Lloyd Webber's musical version of TS Eliot's poems. New London Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 0072/cc 0171-404 4079(← Covent Garden/Holborn, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (3)[7) 3pm, £12.50-£35.

O CHICAGO Maria Friedman and Peter Davison star in this hit Broad-way musical about two murderous women and their nightclub act. Adelwomen and their nightcum act. Adel-phi Maiden Lane, WC2 (0171-344 0055) & Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm. (4((7] 3pm, £16-£36 (inc booking fee). 130 mlns.

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE Company fast-forwards through 37 Company instruction of plays. Criterion Piccadilly Circus, W1 (0171-369 1747) & Picc Circ. Wed-Sat Sprn. [5] Sprn. [7] Sprn. [1] 4pm. E6-£25. Thur mats - all seats £10.

DR DOUTTLE Phillip Schofield talks to the animals in this new stage adaptation featuring Jim Henson Puppets. London Apollo Hamit Queen Caroline Street, W6 (0171-416 6022) O Hammer Tue-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 150 mins.

THE GLORY OF LIVING Drama set amongst the trailer parks of southern America from new playwright Rebecca Gilman. Royal Court Upstairs (at The Ambassadors) West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000) & Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm, ends 6

Feb, £10, concs £5, GREASE Energetic stage version of the hit film about life in an American high school. Cambridge Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080) O Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £10-£30. 150 mins.

AN IDEAL HUSBAND Christo pher Cazenove and Susannah York in Peter Hall's acclaimed production of Wilde's comedy. Lyric Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045)

◆ Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £8.50-£29.50. 165 mins. AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen Daldry's widely-acclaimed produc-tion of JB Priestley's thriller Garrick Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494

5085) ← Leic Sq. Mon-Fri 7,45pm, Sat 8.15pm, (4] 2.30pm, (7) 5pm. Upper circle £12.50-£29.50. 110 mins.

INTO THE WOODS Sondhe and Lapine's acclaimed musical based on fairytales. Donmar Warehouse Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732(& Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4)[7(2.30pm, £15-£27.50.

THE INVENTION OF LOVE
Tom Stoppard's play about the life of
poet A E Houseman, author of The
Shropshire Lad. Theatre Royal,
Haymarket Haymarket. SW1 (0171930 8800(& Picc Circ. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, [4)[7) 2.30pm, £10-

● JESUS. MY BOY Torn Conti stars in John Dowie's alternative Christ-mas show, Apollo Shaftesbury Av-enue, W1 (0171-494 5070(© Picc Grc. Tue-Fri 8pm, Sat 5pm & 8pm, [1] 3pm & 5pm. £5.50-£18.50.

● KAFKA'S DICK Eric Syles and Julia Mackenzie star in Alan Ben-nett's comedy about the moribund writer Piccadilly Denman Street. W1 (0171-369 1734) & Picc Circ, In rep today 3pm & 8pm, ends 26 Feb, £12-£30.

LITTLE MALCOLM AND HIS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE EU-NUCHS Ewan McGregor stars as the revolutionary activist in David Haltiell's drama. Comedy Panton Street. SW1 (0171-369 1731) & Picc Circ/Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm. [5)[7) 3pm, ends 13 Mar, £7-£27.50.

LORD OF THE FLIES Stage ver sion of William Golding's classic tale of schoolboys living on a deserted is land, Lyric Hammersmith King Street. W6 (0181-741 2311) → Hammer-smith, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat today 1.30pm, ends 6 Feb, £5-£16.

● THE MEMORY OF WATER Alison Steadman and Julia Sawalha star in this touching comedy about three sisters returning home for their mother's funeral Vaudeville Strand. WC2 (0171-836 9987(BR/+O Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm. [5]]7] 3pm. £8-£27.50.

I LES MISERABLES Musical dramatisetion of Victor Hugo's Avenue, W1 (0171-434 0909) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [5][7]

2.30pm, £7.£35. 195 mins. ♠ MISS SAIGON Musical which resets the Modam Butterfly tragedy to Vietnam. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Catherine Street. WC2 (0171-494 5060] & Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4][7) 3pm, £5.75-£35. 165 mins.

• THE MOUSETRAP Agatha Christie's whodunnit St Martin's West Street, WC2 (0171-836 1443) ♣ Lelc Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm, [3] 2.45pm, [7] 5pm, £10-£24.50. 135

) OKLAHOMA! Maureen Lipman stars in the National's acclaimed pro-duction of Rodgers and Hammerstein's cowboy v farmhand musical.
Lyceum Wellington 5treet, WC2
(0870-506 3446/cc 606 6446)

Oharing X/Embankment, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7) 2.30pm, ends 26 June, £10-£35.

O THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothic musical. Her Majesty's Hay-market, 5W1 [0171-494 5400/cc 0171-344 4444) ⊕ Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (4([7] 3pm, booking to June 26, £10-£35, 150 mins.

Amen's Missical Inspired by Aboheme and set in modern day New York Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (07000-211221) ♣ Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. (4][7] 3pm. £12.50-£32.50. 160 mins. RICHARD III Robert Lindsay stars as the historical villain. Savoy Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888/cc 0171-

RENT Musical inspired by La Bo-

836 0479) ← Charing X/Embank-ment, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [7] 2.30pm. £10-£27.50. ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE
OLIVIER: Peper Pan Stephen Oir-

er's music accompanies the tale of the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up with Michael Bryant as the story-teller. In rep tonight 7.15pm, ends 20 Feb. **● COTTESLOE**; Guiding Star Jonathan Harvey's new play gives e tender account of the life of Hills-borough disaster survivor. In rep conight 7.30pm, ends 5 Apr, 150

NT2000: Hindle Wakes Stanley Boughton's examination of sexual emancipation, Tonight 6pm, Olivier: emancipation, Tonight 6pm, Olivier: £8-£27, Cottesloe: £12-£18. NT2000: £4, concs £3, Day seats from 10am, South Bank, SE1 (0171-

452 3000). BR/O Waterloo. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY THE BARBICAN: Measure For Measure Stephen Boxer stars in Shakespeare's examination of justice. n rep today 1.45pm & 7,15pm,

● THE PIT: Bad Weather Robert Holman's examination of the break-down in family relationships. In rep today 2pm & 7.15pm, Barbican The-atre: £5-£27. The Pit: £12-£18.50. Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891]. BR/ Barbican/Moorgate.

O SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit 1970s musical featuring legendary songs by the Bee Gees and starring Adam Garcia, London Palladium Argyll Street, W1 (0171-494 5020) & Oxford Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50.

THE SNOWMAN Award-winning production of Raymond Briggs's con-temporary classic. Sadler's Wells Ar The Peacock Portugal Street, WCZ • 443333] (0171-86, 8222) + Hotborn/Ternple. Tonight 7.30pm, ends 30 Jan,

● STARLIGHT EXPRESS Andrew Lloyd Webber's hi-tech roller-musi cal, Apollo Victoria Wilton Road, SW1 (0171-416 6070(BR/O Vic-toria, Mon-Sat 7,450m, I3171 30m. n-Sat 7.45pm, [3][7] 3pm,

THE STREET OF CROCODILES Bruno Scultz's short stories provide the inspiration for Theatre de Com-plicite's acclaimed and absurdist ima. Queen's Shaftesbury Avenue. W1 (0171-494 5040/cc 0171-344 4444) ⊕ Picc Circ. Tue-Sat 8pm, (7)

£12.50-£30, 150 mins.

3pm. [1] 5pm, ends 20 Feb, £6-£25. THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE Belinda Lang stars in Alan Ayckbourn's comedy, Duchess Catherine Street. WC2 (0171-494 5075/cc 0171-344 4444) & Covent Garden, Mon-

Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, ends 23 Jan, £15-£27.50. 140 mins. KEY THEATRE Dick Whittington and His Fabulous Cat Thrilling adventure story. 21 & 22 Jan. 2.15pm, 23 Jan, 4.30pm & 7.30pm. ● VASSA Howard Davies directs a new stage version of Maxim Gorky's tale of a matriarch and her downtrodden family. Alberry St Mar-tin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) & Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5]]7)

3pm. ends 27 Mar, £5-£29.50.) THE WEIR Conor McPherson's drama is set in Ireland and examines ideas of ghosts and angels. Royal Court Downstairs (at the Duke Of York's) St. Martin's Lane. WC2 (0171-565 5000) & Leic Sq/Charing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4)[7) 3.30pm, £5-£25, 90 mins.

O WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND Lloyd Webber's new musical based on the film of the same name Aldwych Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6000/cc 0171-836 2428(↔ Holm. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5)(7) 3pm,

£10-£32.50, 120 mins THE WOMAN IN BLACK 54san Hill's chilling ghost story. Fortune Russell Street. WC2 (0171-836 2238) & Covent Garden/Holborn. Mon-Sat 8pm. [3) 3pm. [7) 4pm. £8.50-£23.50. 110 mins.

THEATRE

BEYOND THE WEST END ARTS THEATRE Krapp's Last Tape Edward Petherhridge performs Samuel Beckett's

melancholic piece. Mon-Sat 8pm, matr Fri & Sat 5.30pm, ends 6 Feb. E8-E12. Great Newport 5treet, WC2 (0171-836 3334) & Leicester TRICYCLE THEATRE The Colour of Justice Topical dramatisation of the Stephen Lawrence case.

> **I**HEATRE COUNTRYWIDE

Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 4pm & 8pm, ends 6 Feb. £8-£13.50. Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000)

HAYMARKET THEATRE Corpse lan Targett and Ian Lindsay star in this high-camp comedy thriller about murder his wealthy twin and assume his lifestyle. Mon-Thur & Sat 7.45pm. Fri 6pm & 9pm. ends 6 Feb. £9.50-£15.50, concs available. Wote Street FIRST CALL, LAST CALL

First Call WHEN THE Marx Brothers gatecrashed a party in the Thirties film Animal Crackers, they gave a familiar comic situation a surreal twist. None of the original charm has been lost in this staging, with Ben Keaton, Joe Alessi, Toby Sedgwick and Jean Challis in the classic roles. Written by George Kaufman and Morrie Ryskind, it features lyrics by Bert Kalmer and Harry Ruby with additional songs by Chris Jordan. Emil Wolk and Gregory Hersov direct.

Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, London W1 (0171-494 5045) from 11 Mar

Last Call

concs available. Sawclose (01225)

BRISTOL NEW VIC STUDIO Freebird Black

comedy about three motorcyle couriers on a dodgy mission to Cornwall.

Mon-Wed 7,30pm, Thur-5at 8pm, ends 30 Jan. £9. concs £6, King Street (0117.987 7877)

THEATRE ROYAL Mother Goose

Panto extravaganza about the fabled fowl. 21 & 22 Jan, 2,15pm & 7,15pm. ends 30 Jan. £3-£16. King Street (0117-987 7877(

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE

Joseph and the Amazing Techni-color Dreamcoat Tim Rice and An-drew Lloyd Webber's musical version of the Bible story. Mon-Thur 2.30pm & 7.30pm, Fri & Sat 5pm & 8pm.

ends 23 Jan, £6.50, concs available. Oaklands Park (01243-781312)

MILL STUDIO, YVONNE ARNAUD

in post-war London, 21-23 Jan, 8pm, mat 23 Jan, 4pm. £8, concs available. Milforook (01483-440000)

YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE

Sleuth Peter Bowles and Michael Maloney star Mon-Thur 7.45pm, Fri-

Sat 8pm, mats Thur & Sat 2.30pm, ends 30 Jan. £13.50-£20.50, concs

available, Millbrook (01483-440000)

QUEEN'S THEATRE Dick White-

tington and His Kool Kool Kat

Favourite songs from the 1960s and

1970s accompany this inter-galactic panto. 21 Jan, 6,30pm, 21 & 23 Jan, 2.30pm, 22 & 23 Jan, 7.30pm, £6,50-£13, Billet Lane (01708-

Conquests: Table Manners Alan Ayekbourn's comedy about a planned

dirty weekend which is foiled, 21 & 22 Jan, 7.45pm, 23 Jan, 2.30pm &

8pm, phone for prices. Civic Drive (01473-253725)

HAYMARKET THEATRE Singin' in

the Rain High water mark of American musicals. Tue-5at 7.30pm.

mats Wed & Sat 2.30pm, ends 6 Feb.

£7-£19.50. Belgrave Gate (0116-

THE DERNGATE Girls' Night Out Hennight comedy by Dave Simpson. 21 Jan. 8pm. 22 & 23 Jan. 6pm &

24 Jan, 3pm & 6pm, £5.75-£9.75, concs available. Embankment Road

PLYMOUTH
THEATRE ROYAL Jack and the

23, 26-30 Jan, 2.30pm & 7.30pm, 24 Jan, 3pm. £6-£15.50. Royal Pa-rade South [01752-267222(

PRINCESS ROYAL THEATRE Snow

White and the Seven Dwarfs Glad-iator Fox stars as the baddie, Spirit

in the Mirror, Mon-Sat. 7.30pm

THE MILL AT SONNING TWO DOZE

Red Roses Comic love story set in romantic Rome. Tue-Sat 8.15pm.

mats Sat 2.15pm, ends 20 Feb. £21.95-£32.95 including dinner. Sonning Eye (0118-969 8000)

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe Adrian Noble directs Adrian Mitchell's adaptation of the CS Lewis Namia classic. Today 5pm, end 27 Feb. £5-£30. Waterside

SWAN THEATRE Trollus and Cres

sida Shakespeare's depiction of the human spirit undermined by bloody

warfare. Today 1.30pm. ends 20 Feb

A Month in the Country Brian

Friel's adaptation of Turgenev's portrait of all-consuming sexual

desire. Michael Attenborough di

rects, Tonight 7.30pm, ends 20 Feb. £5-£30. Waterside (01789-295623)

PALACE THEATRE CENTRE Mur

der is Easy Stage adaptation of Agatha Christie's murder mystery

Agatha Unristie's murder mystery. Mon-Sat 8pm, ends 30 Jan. £5.50-£14.50, concs available. London

THEATRE ROYAL Motive Kate

O'Mara and Clive Mantle star in this murder mystery which, unlike the av-erage whodunnit, lacks a motive.

Mon-Sar 8pm, mats Thur 2.30pm,

Sat 4.45pm, ends 6 Feb. £6-£25,

concs available. Thames Street

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA

Road (01702-342564)

(01753-853888)

£5_£30

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE

Civic Centre (01639-763214)

mats Sat, 2.30pm. £5.75, concs £4.

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PORT TALBOT

Instalk Gladiator Scorpio and Su and climb the giant beanstalk. 21

IPSWICH

LEICESTER

9pm. £11-£14.50 (01604-624811)

PETERBOROUGH

CHICHESTER

GUILDFORD

DESPITE THE fluffy blonde hair and ruffle shirts, English singer-songwriter Judie Tzuke (right) must be a tough cookie to have lasted 20 years in the rock business. She is best known as Elton John's protegée and for her hit single "Stay With Me "till Dawn" in the Seventies, yet since then she has not been idle: all seven of her albums have reached the Top 40.

Varieties, Leeds (01132 430808) today; Wavendon Stables, Milton Keynes (01908 583928) Jan 30; Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry (01203 524524) 1 Feb: Rosehill Theatre, Whitehaven (01946 692422) 5 Feb; Cottier Theatre, Glasgow (0141-357 3868) 6 Feb, QEH, London (0171-960 4242) 8 Feb



ARNOLFINI Secret Victorians: ARNOLFINI Secret Victorians: Contemporary Art and a Nine-teenth Cenury Vision British and American artists including Mat Coll-ishaw and Helen Chadwick respond to the Victorian era. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 31 Jan. free. Narrow Quay (0117-929 9191)

BRISTOL CITY MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY Lost and Found Witty sculptures with fantasy themes created from discarded objects, Mon-Sun 10am-5pm, ends 24 Jan, free, Oueen's Rd (0117-922 3571)

WATERSHED Places of Presence - Newfoundland Kin and Ancestral Land: Mariene Creates The Canadian artist combines objects, pho-tographs, texts and hand-drawn memory maps, Mon-Sun 9am-11pm, ends 7 Mar, free. Canon's Road (0117-925 3845)

CAMPRIDGE FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM The Society of Three: Whistler, Fantin-Latour and Alphonse Legros Exhibition of drawing and prints ex-THEATRE The Ministry of Biscuits Light-hearted satire about the prohibition of decadent sweetmeats of the three artists. Ends 14 Feb. British Watercolours from the Oppe Collection Including works by Turner and Constable, Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.15pm-5pm, ends 24 Jan.

> 3329001 KETTLE'S YARD Physical Evidence Imovative paintings, drawings, sculp-ture and video, Tue-Sat 12.30pm-5.30pm, Sun 2pm-5.30pm, ends 28 Feb. free. Castle Street (01223-352124)

. Trumpington Street (01223-

LONDON BRITISH MUSEUM The Golden Sword: Stamford Raffles and the East Art and artefacts exploring the life and work of the founder of Sinpapore. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 18 Apr, £4, concs £2, Great Russell Street, WC1 (0171-636 1555) ← Russell Square.

NATIONAL GALLERY Luca Drawings and paintings by the artist. In the Light of Fra Angelico: Zanobi Strozzi Study exhibition exploring the paintings of the 15th-cen-tury artist. Mon & Tue, Thur-Sun

10am-6pm, Wed 10am-9pm, ends 7 Mar, free. Trafalgar Square, WC2 (0171-747 2885) & Charing Cross. TATE GALLERY Art Now 16: Something is Missing - Jean-Marc Bustamante Installation exploring cities in plintographs. Ends 31 Jan. Turner in the Alps Works in paper made on Turner's first Alpine trip in 1802. Ends 14 Feb. In Celebration: The Art of the Country House Paintings and sculpture, including work by Canaletto, Stubbs and Holbein.

Mon-Sun 10am-5.50pm, ends 28 Feb. free. Millbank, SW1 (0171-887 VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM Grinling Gibbons and the Art of Carving Work by the 17th-century

woodcarver. Ends 24 Jan Pkasso's Ladies: Wendy Ramshaw Precious-metal jewellery: Ends 15 Elsewhere - Photographs from the Americas and Asia: Henri Carder-Bresson Lesser-known subjects by the 90-year-old photographer. Ends

12 Apr.
Silver and Syrup: A Selection from the Collection Work by leading photographers throughout history, Mon 12noon-5.45pm, Tue-Sun 10am-5.45pm, ends 31 Jul. E5, concs £3, UB40/disabled/mems/after 4.30pm free Cromwell Road, SW7 (0171-938 8441(& South

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM Nineteenth Century French Drawings Recent acquisitions alongside familiar drawings, Ends 28 Feb. Chinese Silks Brightly coloured 18th and 19th-century bangings.

century. Tue-Sat 10am-4pm. Sun 2pm-4pm. ends 21 Mar, free, Beaumont Street (01865-278000) HTUOMYJ PLYMOUTH ARTS CENTRE Palaver Paintings and poems by artist An-nette Chevallier and poet Pauline

events in Sierra Leone, Mon-Sai

Oam-8pm, Sun 6pm-8pm, ends 20

Ends 28 Feb.

Feb. free. Looe Street (01752-SOUTHAMPTON JOHN HANSARD GALLERY Strictly Suburban: Gerard Hemsworth Refreshingly sharp and reckless paintings. Tue-Fri 11am-5pm. Sat 11am-4pm, ends 6 Feb, free. The

ST IVES TATE GALLERY English Roots: Eric Cameron Layers of paint bisplays 1998-9: Partnerships and Practice Paintings and ceramics from the second half of the

century. Ouolt Montserrat: Veronica Ryan Marble sculpture linking St Ives with Montserrat in the West Indies. Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm, ends 11 Apr. £3.50, concs £2. Porthmeor Beach (01736-796226)

ST DAVID'S HALL London Phil-harmonic/Haltink Mabler's valedictory 9th Symphony. Tonight 7.30pm. £7-£20. The Hayes (01222-8784441

BARBICAN HALL San Francisco Symphony Orchestra/Tilson Thomas Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto and Prokofiev's 5th Symphony. Tonight 7,30pm, £10-£30. Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) O Moorgate/Barbican.

OUEEN ELIZABETH HALL Orchestra of the Age of Enlight-enment/Levin Two Mozart Piano ennent/Levin 1 Wo Mozart Plano Concertos plus his 39th Symphony. Tonight 7.45pm. £8-£20. South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/& Waterloo.

OPERA

LONDON BLOOMSBURY THEATRE Stone Angels New opera about schoolgirls marooned on an Aegean island by Paul Barker, Tonight 8pm, £6.50-£10. Gordon Street, WC1 (0171-388 8822) Russell Square,

LYRIC STUDIO Vanessa Samuel Barber's opera receiving a belated UK premiere from the Other Theatre

DANCE

LONDON PLACE THEATRE Resolution! Over 100 up and coming choreographers' work in London's important annual platform season, Mon-Sat 8pm, ends

13 Feb. £8, concs £6. Duke's Road, WC1 (0171-387 0031) ⊕ Euston. ROYAL ALBERT HALL Cirque du Soleil: Alegria Contortionists, acrobats, aerial artists and fire dancers. ue-Sun 7.45pm, mats Sat & Sun 2.30pm, ends 24 Jan. £23.50-£45 Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589)

8212] High 5treet Kensington. SADLER'S WELLS Sankal Juku In Shijima Japan's most important contribution to 20th Century dance returns. Tonight 8pm. £7.50-£35. Rosebery Avenue, EC1 [0171-863 8000(+ Angel.

LITERATURE

NEW VOICES Exciting poetry from emerging American writers Lance Lee, James Wood and Robert Jansen. Lauderdale House Waterlow Park. lighgate Hill N6 (0181-348 8716) 👄

way. Tonight 8pm, £4, concs £3. ARCHETYPES IN LITERATURE -THE WANDERING JEW Poet, play-wright and author Michelene Wandor wright and sunfor reference wandor explores the ways in which the myth of the Wandering Jew has developed. Voice Box. Royal Festival Hall South Bank SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/O Waterloo, Tonight 7.30pm, £4 concs £2.50.

COMEDY

LONDON KOOL EDDY'S AT KOOL EDDY'S AT 146 CHARING CROSS ROAD Big Name Comedian Dan Antopolski, Long Tom Flynn and the Helpful Trevor Lock, plus guests. Fri 8.30pm, not Dec 25, Jan 1, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-733 0904) & Tot-

THE COMEDY STORE The Best in Stand-Up with Simon Fox, Tony Burgess, Simon Evans, plus open spots, MC John Mann. Tonight 8pm. Oxendon Street, SW1 (01426-914433/cc 0171-344 4444) & Pic-The Painterly Brush Oil sketches dating from the 16th to the early 20th cadilly Circus. £12, concs £7.

COMEDY TRY OUT NIGHT DOWN-STAIRS AT THE KINGS HEAD Eve Guthrie, Graham Casey, Matthew Walters, Greg Rogers, Tom Dillon, Belinda Merriman, David James, Harvey Stewart, Teresa Hellen, Andy Fenney, Dylan Rymer, Gaz Coley, Black Bart, Neil Saunders, Debbie Jamieson MC Hunt Thomas, Leibie Jamieson, MC Huw Thomas, Debbie
Jamieson, MC Huw Thomas, Ionight
8,30pm, Crouch End Hill, N8 (0181340 1028) Finsbury Park, £4,
concs £3.

CLUBS

BRIGHTON PHONIC HOOP AT ENIGMA Staring Badmarsh, Ges. E and Mo Mag ic. Tonight 10pm-2am, £3. concs £2. Ship Screet (01273-328439)

LONDON SPRAWL AT THE GLOBAL CAFE Weird electronics and cyber visuals Tonight 7.30pm-12midnight, Gold. en Square. W1 (0171-287 22421 o Piccadilly Circus, £3, concs £2.

IT'S A LONDON THING AT OP. TIONS Garage night with top-name scene DJs. Tonight 10pm-late. Clarence Street, Kingston (0181-547 2848) BR: Kingston, £5, concs £3.

EVENTS

TWENTYTWENTYONE Large scale sale of original and collectable pieces by international 20th century designers, 20/21 Upper Street N1 (0171-288 1996) & Angel. Tue-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-5.30pm, ends 23 Ian. prices vary.

ART99 Contemporary art fair with works offered for sale by a wide range of galleries, plus START an area de-voted to the work of young British artists, and a one to one guide to buying contemporary art. Business De sign Centre Upper Street N1 (0171-359 3535(& Angel Today 11am-5pm, Fri & Sat 11am-7pm. Sun 11am-5pm, ends 24 Jan, £10,

LONDON INTERNATIONAL MIME FESTIVAL Exciting and eclectic the atre and events, including performances hy French, Russian. Australian, Canadian and Italian companies, as well as those from the UE. London International Mime Festival WC1 (0171-637 5661) Ends 24 Jan. phone for details.

SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE EXHIBI-TION Learn about its reconstruction and about Elizabethan Southwark. Shakespeare Globe Exhibition New Globe Walk 5E1 (017.1-902 1500) London Bridge/Mansion House, Mon-Sun 10am-5pm guided tours every half hour £5, concs £4, ch0d £3, family £14.

MUSIC

BRIGHTON GAY DAD, KINKY JOURNO Tipped neo-glamrock outfit headline. Pres-sure Point Richmond Place (01273-

702333) Tonight 8pm, E5.

CAMBRIDGE MIDGET Gritty indie guitar pop out-fit, wift's new single; "Artwork", out on Curveball records. The Junction C)ifton Road (01223-511511) Tonight 7.30pm, £6, £5 adv.

(X), REGULAR FRIES US alt-rockers showcase the acclaimed album.

Deserter's Songs, with long-lost Liverpudlians and electro big-beat supports. Astoria Charing Cross Road WC2 (0171-434 0403) & Tottenham Court Road. Tonight 8pm, £9.

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NINE BELOW ZERO Tough Brit R&B outlit.Jazz Cafe Parkway NW1 (0171-916 6060) ← Camden Town. Tonight 8pm, £8.50-£10. JOHN CALE TRIO Revered Velver Underground and solo legend, con-

temporary music pioneer and record producer Royal Festival Hall South Bank SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/O Waterloo. Tonight 7.30pm, £12-£15. BOUM! French music trio move seamlessly from Chevalier to Gains-bourg. The Spitz Commercial Street E1 (0171-392 9032) & Liverpool

Street. Tonight 8pm, £7. concs £5.50.

THE CORRS, PICTURE HOUSE Photogenic Irish roots-pop family quartet. Wembley Arena Empire Way. Wembley (0181-902 0902)

Wembley Park. Tonight 7.30pm. LOUGHBOROUGH

BLACK STAR LINER Leeds dub crew

nurtured by the Soundclash label

Loughborough Students Union Ashby Road (01509-217766) Tonight 8pm, phone for prices. **MUSIC**

JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK GINO LUPARI AND FRIENDS In

498 1779 Clapham North/Clapham Common. Tonight 8pm, £3, concs £1.50. MOSE ALLISON TRIO Whimsical singer-pianist from Mississippi. Ptzza Express Jazz Club Dean Street W1 (0171-439 8722) & Tottenha

music with Three Men and a Dog member Lupari. Bread & Roses

Clapham Manor Street SW4 (0171-

r Road, Tonight 8.30pm, £12.50 (Thu-Sat £15). PATRICIA HODGE/STEVE ROSS/SHERIDAN MORLEY So-phisticated cabaret revue entitled Turee's A Crowd. Pizza on the Park Knightsbridge SW1 (0171-235 5273) & Hyde Park Corner, Tonight 9.15pm & 10.45pm, £20, £18 adv

(Thu-Sat £22, £20 adv). TARAF DE HAADOUKS Celebrational gypsy ensemble from Roma-nia. Ron: "Cott" "nth Street W1 (0171-439 0747) + Leicester

Square, Tonight 9.30pm, £15, mems £4 (Mon-Thu). SOUND OF 17 BIG BAND Contemporary arrangements cour-tesy of Bill le Sage and Eddie Har-vey. Windmill Acton High Street W3 (0181-992 0234(© Acton Town. Tonight 9pm. phone for prices.

SAFFRON WALDRON PETER KING Preeminent UK alto Sax maestro. Saffron Hotel High Street (01799-S22676[- Tonight 8.30pm, EB, mems £6.

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THURSDAY RADIO

RADIO 1 (97,6-99,8MHz FM) 5.30 Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo. 12.00 Kevin Greening, 2.00 Mark Raddiffe. 4.00 Chris Moyles. 5.45 Newsbeat. 6.00 Clive Warren. 8.00 Steve Lamacq - Evening Session. 10.00 Trade Update. 10.10 John Peel 12.00 Andy Kershaw. 2.00 Emma B. 4.00 - 6.30 Scott Mils.

RADIO 2 (88-902MHz FM) 6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 12.00 Jimmy Young, 2.00 Ed Stew art. 5.05 Johnnie Walker, 7.00 David Allan, 8.00 Paul Jones, 9.00 Barry Took's Cornedy Classics: Beyond Our Ken. S.30 Comedy Showise: The Pig's Back. 10.00 Melly Talks Jazz. See Pick of the Day. 10.30 Richard Alinson, 12.00 Katrina Leskanich 3.00 - 4.00 Alex

(90.2-92.4MHz FM) 6.00 On Air. 9.00 Masterworks 10.30 Artist of the Week. 1L00 Sound Stories. 12.00 Composer of Week; Purcell. 1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Con-

cert. The second of three recitals of Haydn string quartets recorded at the Royal Northern College of Music as part of 'Haydnfest 99' 2.05 The BBC Orchestras. 4.00 Ensemble. 4.45 Music Machine. (R) 5.00 In Tune.

7.30 Performance on 3. Conductor Andrew Litton, Peter Jablonski (piano). Dan Welcher: Bright Wings (first UK performance). Gershwin: Piano Concerto in F. Stravinsky: Petrushka (1947 version).

9.10 Postscript. 4: Thoroughly Modem Monet. As one of the original impressionists, Monet is often thought of primarily as a 19th-century artist, but he painted mora than 450 paintings after 1900. Some of his later work was neglected and left in his studio after his death in 1926, but Monet's reputation underwent a dramatic revival in the 1950s, when critics saw a link between his late works and those of the abstract expressionists. John Bellamy, Briony Fer and Maryanne Stevens are among those exploring the distinctive qualities and enormous scale of Monets last great works. With excerpts from

6.00 Let Me Call You Sweetheart (1997)

(22889), 9.00 Picture Perfect (1995) (75624), 10.00 Jitters (1997) (79696), 12.00 The Directors (29173), See Pick of

the Day. 1.00 Fernmes Fatales (13711).

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Hollywood Buzz (8247), 8,00 Roseanna's Grava (1997) (50266), 10,00 Sweet Noth-ing (1994) (84421), 11,30 Lone Star (1996)

(21613063), 1.45 Destiny Turns On the Re-dio (1995) (245822), 3.30 - 6.00 De-

7:10 UFOria (1980) (1279421). 9.00 The Adventures of Sheriock Holmes' Smarter Brother (1975) (64518). 11.00 Goddess of Love (1968) (22334). 1.00 Little Bigfoot (1995) (68334). 3.00 The Adventures of Sheriock Holmes' Smarter Brother (1975)

(49570). **5.00** Goddess of Love (1988) (80995). **7.00** Little Bigfoot (1995) (46995)

8.30 E News (8131) 9.00 Any Place but Home (1996) (51995), 11.00 House of Frankenstein: Part 2 (1997) (207150), 12.40

Target Earth (1997) (668483). 2.15 Vampire in Venice (1967) (520254). 3.50 Patty

Hearst (1988) (770280), 5.35 - 730 UFOria (1980) (88381613).

SAT VINCENT (1951) (8721228), 9.00 Son of Paleticce (1952) (752841), 9.00 No-torious (1946) (7104686), 10.00 Joshua -Then and Now (1985) (6949976), 12.00

The Boston Strangler (1968) (8450445).

1.55 The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-

in-the-Moon Marigolds (1972) (3934864) 3_40 Road to Zaratbar (1941) (77978532). 5_10 Hollywood Hall of Fame (38370829).

6.00 Pick-Up on South Street (1953) (7084315). 8.00 Quiz Show (1994)

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(1995) (2510570). 12.05 The Big Blue

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5.40 Close

PICK OF THE DAY

THE UBIQUITOUS George Melly (right) chats to the ailing Ian Dury about personal jazz favourites in a new series, Melly Talks

Monet's letters read by Paul Scofield.

9.25 A Breath of French Air. The fa-

mous trio by Poulenc and a light-

hearted trio by Francaix. Nicholas

Julius Drake (piano), (R)

Daniel (oboe), Kim Walker (bassoon),

ing introduces a selection of music

a Radio 3 invitation concert at the

The programme includes Baroque

Soler played by Sophie Yates, and

time of Goya by Fernando Sor and Federico Moretti performed by Ro-

songs and guitar music from the

drigo del Pozo (tenor) and Jakob

10.45 Night Waves. What is in a

voice? While one 17th-century thinker

believed the voice to be an excres-

sion of male sexual potency and a 20th-century theorist once called for

revolt against 'phonetic conscious-

ness', there is no doubt that the hu-

and intensely personal phenomenon.

Paul Allen explores a many-layered

story of philosophy and feeling with

Voice: Language, Dealness and the Senses - a Philosophical History'.

12.00 Composer of the Week: Rim-

1.00 - 6.00 Through the Night.

9.00 NEWS; In Our Time with

Jonathan Ree, author of 'I See a

man voice is a complex, powerful

Lindberg (guitar).

See Pick of the Day.

11.30 Jazz Notes.

sky-Korsakov. (R)

(924-946MHz FM)

RADIO 4

6.00 Today.

Melvyn Bragg.

Jazz (R2 10pm). Over on Radio 3's Night Waves (10.45pm), Paul Allen conducts an investigation into the history of the burnan voice, which was at one time ludicrously believed to be an expression of male potency. Interesting concept.

Nowadays, it's seeo as one of the unassailable virtues of radio, if FOR - The Future of Radio (11.30pm R4) is anything to go by. This is melange of soundbites and archive clips which teeters on the brink of being an advertorial. The show nevertheless raises important questions about the impact of digital technology on the medium. DOMINIC CAVENDISH



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9.30 Transplantations. (R) 9.45 Serial: Iris. 10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour. 11.00 NEWS; From Our Own Correspondent

TL30 Old Dog and the Partridge. 10.00 Music Restored Lucie Skeap-12.00 NEWS; You and Yours. 12.57 Weather. from Spain recorded last October at 1.00 The World at One 1.30 Hidden Treasures. 2.00 NEWS; The Archers. Royal Academy of Music in London. 2.15 Afternoon Play: A Slight Tit to harpsichord music by Cabanilles and 3.00 NEWS; Call You and Yours: 0870 010 0444

3.30 The Vale. (R) 3.45 This Sceptred Isle. (R) 4.00 NEWS; Law in Action. 4.30 The Material World. 5.00 PM 5.57 Weather. 6.00 Six O'Clock News.

6.30 Yes, Minister. (R) 7.00 NEWS; The Archers. 735 Front Row. Francine Stock with the arts programme. 7.45 Lady Susan. Drama: 'Lady Susan' by Jane Austen, adapted by Lavinia Murray. With Harriet Walter and Maggie Steed (9/10). 8.00 NEWS; Case History. Prof Roy

Porter reconsiders the performance of political figures of the 20th century, focusing on British PM Ramsay MacDonald and German president Hindenburg in the 1930s. MacDonald was suffering from depression, his eyesight and his mind were failing; Hindenburg had retired before the First World War and was now in his elahties. Were these men fit enough to meet the rise of Hitler? (R) 8.30 The Week in Westminster.

Boris Johnson of the Daily Telegraph takes a look behind the scenes at

9.00 NEWS; Testbeds. Vanassa Collingridge explores the technologies that shape our lives 9.30 In Our Time with Melvyn Bragg. Melvyn Bragg and guest discuss ideas and events which have influenced our time. 10.00 NEWS: The World Tonight. With Robin Lustig. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Nana. Juliet

11.00 NEWS; World of Pub. A fourpart comedy by Tony Roche. 3: Dodov Phil the man who has out a roller coaster in the bar, comes up with vet another scheme to improve the fortunes of Barry and Garry's pub. Special guest Edith Piat. With Phil Cornwell, Alistair McGowan and John Thomson. 1L30 Experimental Feature: FOR -

Stevenson reads Emile Zola's novel

the Future of Radio. See Pick of the Day. 12,00 News. 12.30 The Late Book: Last Resort. 12.48 Shipping Forecast.

1.00 As World Service. 5.30 World News, 5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day 5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today. **RADIO 4 LW**

(198kHz) 9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service, 12.00 12.04 News Headlines; Shipping Forecast, 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast, 11.30 . 12.00 Today in

RADIO 5 LIVE (693, 909kHz MW) 6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Ruscoe and Co. 4.00 Drive.

7.00 News Extra 7.30 The Hardest Game. Continuing the series in which former BBC box ing correspondent Harry Carpenter reflects on the sport from the 1950s to the present day. 8.00 Insida Edge. Rob Bonnet and the team investigate the issues that affect the sporting world. 9.00 Hoops. Fat Freddy M rounds

up the latest news from the British basketball scene. 9.30 Sportshop Trixie Rawlinson presents the sports consumer programme, including sporting investigations and news of all the latest

sporting gadgets. 10.00 Late Night Live. With Nick Robinson, Incl 10.30 Sport, 11.00 News. 11.15 The Financial World

1.00 Up All Night. 5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports. CLASSIC FM

(1000-1019MHz FM) 6.00 Michael Mappin. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 Jamie Crick, 6,30 Newsnight. 7.00 Smooth Classics a Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert. 11.00 Alan Mann, 3.00 - 6.00 Mark Griffiths.

VIRGIN RADIO (1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 1058MHz FM) 6.30 Chris Evans. 9.30 Mark Forrest. 1.00 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Harriet Scott. 7.30 Pete & Geoff. 10.00 James Merritt, 1.00 Steve Power. 4.30 - 6.30 Richard Allan.

WORLD SERVICE RADIO (198kHz LW) 1.00 The World Today. 1.30 Westway. 1.45 Performance. 2.00 The World Today, 2.30 Focus on Faith. 3.00 The World Today. 3.20 Sports Roundup. 3.30 World Business Report. 3.45 Insight. 4.00 - 7.00 The

TALK RADIO 6.00 Big Boys Breakfast with David Banks & Nick Ferrari. 9.00 Scott Chisholm. 1.00 Anna Raeburn. 3.00 Peter Deeley, 5.00 The Sports Zone. 8.00 James Whale, 12.00 . 6.00 lan Collins.

(1576082), 8.20 Yes, Minister (3366044).

9.00 Fawity Towers (4480889), See Pick

of the Day. 9.40 Fawity Towers (4140745).

12.00 The Bil (5619087), 12.30 Backup

(7315993), 1.25 Filter: The Black Torment (1965) (3551919), 3.00 - 7.00 Shopping

See Pick of the Day. 10.25 Ivanhoe

(92066247). 11.30 The Bit (4075024).

6.00 Tiny and Crew (49416421). 6,20

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son and Friends (64107624). 6.45 Tiny

(17545334). 7.00 Practical Parenting

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Tales (17524841). 6.50 Polka Dot Shorts

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World Today (4.00-7.00).

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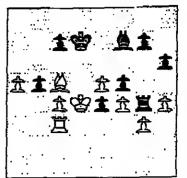
ON TUESDAY I discussed Panfox from Breda's sterling victory in the European Club Cup finals in Belgrade. This excellent event brought together no fewer than five players rated over 2,700 and 19 between 2,600 and 2,700, of the 57 who turned up for the eight teams.

In club chess, the players from each team are ranked in board order in (approximately) desceoding strength with the top boards facing each other, and so on down to the bottom. There were therefore a large number of heavyweight clashes in Belgrade, and one of the most intriguing was that between Alexei Shirov and Vladimir Kramnik - a continuation of their theoretical battle in their match in Cazoria last June.

Kramnik varied with 13 ... Bh4 from 13 ... Nxd2 14 Nxd2 Qd6 15 h3! with which Anand ultimately defeated him in Tilburg last November, 18 ... Ng5 was a coocession but if 18 ... Rxe5 19 f3 Nxd2 20 Bxd2 Rxet + 21 Rxe1 Bxf3 22 Bg5 Qf8 23 Re7 is very dangerous, eg 23 ... Rb8 24 Qe6+ Kh8 25 Rxg7! Qxg7 (or 25 ... Kxg7 26 Bb6+) 26 Bf6 winning. After carefully exchanging off a

pair of rooks with Ra1-c1-c2-d2 and the queens. Shirov emerged with a safe extra pawn but plenty of work to convert it. The crisis came when be hurried with 44 a5!? rather than allowing counterplay after 44 exb5 g5. Kramnik's 44 ...e3 looks rather panicky. Certainly if 44 ... Bxc4? 45 a6 Kc8 46 a7 Kb7 47 Rxc4! bxc4 48 24 Rac1 Rd8 e6 Rg6 49 Ke5 wins, But 44bxc4 isn't clear to me, eg 45 a6 Kc8 46 26 Rd2 Rxd2 Ra3 Kb8 seems to defend since if 47 a7+ Ka8 the rook can't get to the b file in time - if 48 Ra4 Rxg3 threatens mate and 49 e6 Bxe6 50

Rb4 Rb3! still holds. At the end 64 ... Rxa7 65 Rh7+ skewers king and rook.



White: Alexei Shirov Black: Vladimir Kramnik

Petroff Defence 34 c4 Bf7 2 NE3 Nf6 35 Rc1 Rb6 36 Kc5 Be8 3 Nxe5 d6 4 Nf3 Nxe4 37 Be3 Rc6+ 38 Kd5 Rg6 5 d4 d5 39 Bc5+ Kd7 6 Bd3 Nc6 40 Rc3 Bf7+ 7 0-0 Be7 8 Rel Bg4 11 Kd1 h6 9 c3 f5 42 a4 Rg4 10 Qb3 0-0 43 lı5 axb5 11 Nbd2 Na5 44 a5!? (see 12 Qa4 Nc6 diagram) e3 13 Bb5 Bh4 45 Rxe3 g5 14 g3 Bf6 46 e6+ Bxe6 15 Bxc6 bxc6 47 cxb5 gxf4 16 Oxc6 Re8 48 gxf4 Rxf4+ 17 Ne5 Bxe5 49 Ke5 Rc4 18 dxe5 Ng5 50 Rd3+ Kc8 19 f4 Res

51 Kxe6 Rxc5 52 Rd5 Rc4 53 Rxf5 Re4+ 54 Kd5 Rxh4 55 a6 Ra4 56 Rf8+ Kd7

57 Rf7+ Kc8 58 Rf8+ Kd7 59 Ra8 Ra1 60 a7 Rd1+ 61 Kel Re1+ 62 Kf3 Ra1 63 b6 cxb6

64 Rh8 1-0

33 Kd4 Ke7

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20 Oc5 Ne4

22 Be3 a6

23 Qc4 Qd7

25 Rc2 Qf7

27 Bxd2 Rb6

29 b4 Rc6

30 KE Rh6

31 h4 Rc6

32 Ke3 Bh5

28 Qxf7+ Kxf7

21 Nxe4 dxe4

HAVE YOU ever deliberately lost at much better than the guy I want to poker? Why on earth? One answer might be: to keep the game going. If a big loser gets up, the game may break. So it pays, in theory, to keep the man in the game by letting him win a pot or two.

Chip Reese, regarded for years as just about the best all-round player in Las Vegas, offers a more surprising variant of this idea risking a big loss on virtually the first hand of the night, to ensure the game develops as he wants. As he is a lively rerun of the gamut of comfigures it. the longer the game goes on, the more mistakes his opponeots are liable to make.

"I know who the guys are that are gonna win quickly and run away from the game. Who the guys are that are gonna be staying and playing... I know what people I'd rather see get ahead, and what

people I'd rather see get behind. "So what I try to do, I've even done it inteotionally, like if I'm in a hand in a game early in a game, and say I've got the second-best band in a game. And somebody's betting with the best hand, and somebody's in there with the worst hand, and I think I really shouldn't raise the pot. see get stuck. If I have to catch a card, I'm gonna win a big pot. I'm liable to put extra money early in a game, knowing it's mathematically the incorrect thing to do, just to punish this guy, to help him get stuck, 'cause it's gonna make a better game in the long run."

Interesting concept! I found all this in a new book out in the US. Bad Bet by Timothy L O'Brien, a New York Times reporter. The book mercial gambling in America - Las Vegas, Atlantic City, New Orleans, Connecticut... It covers casinos and their operators, sports betting. the Internet, economics and compulsive gambling, plus a bit oo the side about poker. The long interview with Chip Reese is absorbing reading. If Reese has a problem (it seems to me, watching him at the table), it is compulsive eating. He has blown up like a blond balloon. This omission in the author's reportage is curious. And overall, he doesn't seem quite sure whether gambling is a good or a bad thing.

Bad Bet', by Timothy L O'Brien But my chances of winning are (Times Business, \$25)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

PICK OF THE DAY

IN THE PERIOD between 1985 was underlined when his 1994 movies of Robert Zemeckis (right) did the best box office in the world. His films garnered in excess of \$1 billioo worldwide (during the same time, Steven Spielberg grossed a mere \$726 million). The secret of Zemeckis' success is that he never lets

and 1990, when the Back to the movie, Forrest Gump, scooped Future trilogy and Who Framed six Oscars. His work is the ore made the cubic Sky Premier). No matter how often it is shown,

Fawlty Towers (9pm UK Gold) still has an uncanny ability to raise a laugh. It is the sheer amount that John Cleese and Connie Booth packed into each episode which really impresses. Remind special effects overwhelm a good yourself with a double-bill tonight. yarn. His mastery of story-telling JAMES RAMPTON



(7838565). 12.00 Skyscraper at Sea (3651377). **1.00** History's Turning Points (4833396). **1.30** Flightline (9328087). **2.00**

SKY ONE 7.00 Count Duckula (90421), 7.30 The Chris Evans Breakfast Show (77112), 8.30 Hollywood Squares (70518), 9.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (\$7995). 10.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show (75112). 11.00 Guittyl (95976). 12.00 Jenny Jones (1353). 1.00 Mad about You (99792). 1.30 Jeopardy (2919), 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (53402), 3.00 Jerrny Jones (1942)), 4.00 Guithyl (97088), 5.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (4179), 8.00 Married with Children (5773). 6.30 Dream Team (9353). 7.00 The Simpsons (5008). 7.30 The Simpsons (5008). 7.30 The Simpsons (5537). 8.00 America's Dumbest Criminals (1228). 8.30 World's Weirdest TV (3063). 9.00 Friends (94112). 9.30 E R (55841). 10.30 Veronica's Closet (84711). **11.00** Dream Team (47547). **11.30** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (78082), 12.30 Highlander (56984), 1.30 · 7.00 Long Play (5708396).

(1988) (18155464). **2.50** Riff Raif (1991) (4208735). **4.30 - 6.00** The Fireman's Ball SKY SPORTS 1 7.00 Sky Sports Centre (9299781). 7:15 DISCOVERY CHANNEL World Wresting Federation Shot Gun (604792). 8.45 Sky Sports Centre (4037112). 8.430 Racing News (49247). 9.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (30599). 9.30 You're on Sky Sports (57151). 10.00 Watersports World (24402). 11.00 European Tour Golf Managine (53059). 14.30 European Tour 4.00 Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (1661247), 4.30 Walker's World (1650131) 5.00 Pightime (104112). 5.30 History's Turning Points (154711). 6.00 Animal Doc-tor (1671624). 6.30 Tortoise and Turtle (2068334). **7.30** Beyond 2000 (1651860). **8.00** Discover Magazine (9067266). **9.00** Magazine (53265), **11.30** European Tour Golf (210860), **2.30** Ringside (85763), **4.00** Pool (54518), **5.00** World Wrestling Feder-World Coloured Blue (9047402). 10.00 Nova (9057889). 11.00 Forensic Detectives

ation Superstars (6179), 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (7353). 6.30 Football League Re-view (8605). 7.00 Futbol Mundial (7808). 7.30 European Tour Golf (103711). 10.00 Sky Sports Centre (677686), 10.15 You're on Sky Sports (797841), 10.45 Trans World Sport (494537), **11.45** Sky Sports Centre (572860), **12.00** You're on Sky Sports (86483). 12.30 Football League Review (49464). 1.00 Futbol Mundial (29822) 1.30 Trans World Sport (11822). 2.30 What e Weekend (48006), 3.00 Sky Sports Centre (97451613), 3.15 Close.

SKY SPORTS 2 6.30 World Windsurfing (2242150). 7.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (9421402). 7.30 Sky Sports Centre (9925686). 7.45 Flacing News (8085792), 8.15 Unbelievable Sports (8763605), 8.45 Sky Sports Centre (9640179), 9.00 Fish TV Fishing Texas (6991624), 9.30 Fish TV - Tony Dean Outdoors (7439402), 10.00 Pool (9439421). 11.00 International Cricket (7057518). 1.00 Spanish Football (2254995). 3.00 Interna-tional Cricket (5231228). 5.00 Inside the PGA Tour (3817247). 6.00 What a Week and (4914841). 6.30 The Rugby Club (2195570), **Z30** Ice Hockey (2093137). 10.00 Ford Golf USA (2546860), 12.00 The Rugby Club (6185174), 1.00 Tight Lines (6737174), 2.00 Ice Hockey (8950754), 4.30 Sky Sports Centre (91566822), 4.45

Close. SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 World Wrestling Federation Supersters (68880808). 1.00 Fish TV Fishing

Tercas (66043421), 1.30 Fish TV - Tony Dean Outdoors (68860044). 2.00 Sky Sports Classics (13661063). 3.00 The Entertainers (19301808), 3.30 Watersports World (94528179), 4.30 Sports Unlimited (R35)0763), 5.30 Unbelevable Sports (42431841). 6.00 Survival of the Fittest (42461082) 6.30 Inside the PGA Tour (42462834) 7.00 Tight Lines (40833773) 8.00 International Cricket (40853537). 10.00 Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook (50475711), 11.30 Close.

EUROSPORT 7.30 Raily (20686). 8.00 Tennis (93044). 10.00 Alpine Sking (19570). 11.00 Alpine Skiing (8470599). 12.15 Tennis (57689808). 7.00 Football: Gezi Cup Galatasaray v Feyencord (21315), 9.00 Boxing (96082). 10.00 Tennis (66841). 11.00 Car on Ice (40315), 11.30 Trial (37650), 12.30 Close. **UK GOLD**

7.00 Crossroads (7038763). 7.30 Neighbours (9844082), 7.55 EastEnders (1775841), 8.30 The Bil (8133792), 9.00 The Bit (6124044). 9-30 The House of Elott (2173247). 10,30 Fihoda (6120228). 11.00 Dalas (6548063). 11.55 Neighbours (96327711): 12.25 EastEnders (724315). 1.00 Juliet Bravo (4613976). 2.00 Dallas (1753624), 2.55 The Bill (1266841), 3.25 The Bill (6493806), 3.55 EastEnders (3180711). 4.30 Rhoda (1669889). 5.00 All Creatures Great and Smell (1125605). 8.00 Dynasty (4693112). 7.00 2point4 Children (9477334), 7.40 It Ain't Half Hot, Murti-

Bug Alert (6859686). 7.55 Practical Par-enting (6323402). 8.00 Barney and Friends (2514131). 8.30 Tiny Tales (7049402), 8-35 Tiny and Crew (8490112). 8.50 Practical Parenting (9909402). 9.00 Diet Show (2537082). 9.30 The Roseanne Show (3534570). 10.00 The Jerry Springer Show (6399315). 10.50 Maury Povich (5046082), 11.40 Brookside (56947624). 12:10 Animal Rescue (74138889). 12.40 Rescue 911 (13256976). 1.30 Special Babies (23514315). 1.40 Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction (79189686). 2.10 LA Law (3128711). 3.10 Living Room (7054792) 4.00 Michael Cole (4658315) 4.50 Rolonda (3655529), 5.40 Ready, Steedy, Cook (7382082). 6.15 The Jerry Springer Show (1570711). 7.05 Rescue 911 (4760421). 7.35 Animal Rescue (9143841).

> Down Under (3254112), 12.00 Close. 9.00 The Tender Trap (1955) (36524686). 11.15 Ada (1961) (77242792), 1.30 Alfred the Great (1969) (57804716), 3.30 The Alphabet Murders (1965) (84606445). 5.00 Close.

PARAMOUNT COMEDY CHANNEL 7.00 Clueless (8150), 7.30 Grace under Fire (5131), 8.00 Roseanne (4570), 8.30 sradio (3605). 9.00 Cybill (41044). 8.30 Vic Reeves' Big Night Out (89353). 10.00 Frasier (42334). 10.30 Cheers (51062). 11.00 Scinfeld (53869). 11.30 The Larry Sanders Show (1619), 12.00 Late Night with David Letterman (77342). 1.00 Taxi (27464). 1.30 The Critic (64483), 2.00 Dr Katz (54613), 2.30 Soap (46648), 3.00 Wings (34700), 3.30 Nichtstand (57700). 4-00 Close.

8.00 Murder Call (719112), 9.00 Films

Lifeline (1995) (7101599), 11.00 Sex Life

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1 N IRELAND BBC1 LONDON & SE except: 6.30 Newstine 6.30 (773). BBC1 SCOTLAND

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2.55 Dotamen (345131), 3.40 Dochalch
Mor (Oakey Doke) (970012), 6.00
News; Weather (421), 6.30 Reporting
Scotland; Weather (773). BBC1 WALES

As BBC1 LONDON & SE except: 6.30 Wales Today (773).

As Cariton except: 12.20 Angla News and Weather (67106S). 1.00 Save Your Bacon Cookery series in which Nosh Brothers Nick and Nick tackle catering challenges around the region. They take on an international challenge from Russian and American students in Northampton and put a pair of Peterboraush les electrons in a crim with a rinkside. Northampton and put a pair of Petarbor-ough ice skaters in a spin with a rinkside barbecue (35570). 3.20 Anglia News and Weather (2729605). 3.10 Shortland Street (1252614). 6.00 Home and Away (128889). 6.25 Anglia News (658792). 10.30 Anglia News and Weather (268860). 1.45 The Jerry Springer Show (5990193). 1.55 T in the Park (6144648). 2.50 Box Office America (7665648).

3.20 Cybernet (93099731), 3.50 Murder, She Wrote (1476396). 4.40 ITV Nightscreen (8694445). CENTRAL

As Cariton except: 12.20 Central News and Weather (671'063). 1.00 Echo Point (35570). 3.20 Central News 7011 (35570), 3,20 Centra News (272960), 5,40 Shortland Street (1252614), 6,00 Home and Away (123889), 6,25 Central News and Weather (131808), 6,55 Lifefan (264995), 10,30 Central News and Weather (268860), 4,10 Jobfinder (8910735), 5,20 Asian Eye (4055629).

HTV WALES As Cariton except: 10.30 This As Carlton except: 10.30 This Morning (24978247). 12.15 HTV News (9195315). 1.00 Shortland Street (95570). 3.20 HTV News (2729605). 5.10 A Country Practice (1252514). 6.00 Home and Away (123889). 6.25 Wales Tonight (658782). 7.30 Forgotten Treasures (953). 10.30 HTV News (268860). 1.15 The Jerry Springer Show (5990193). 1.55 T in the Park (6144648). 2.50 Box Office America (7665648). 3.20 Cybernet (93099731). 3.50 Murder, She net (93099731). 3.50 Murder, She Wrote: Jessica sets out to solve a mystery when reporter Jim Nash becomes the fourth victim of a machete murderer

in New Orleans. (1476396). 4.40 ITV Niightscrean (8694445). HTV WEST

As HTV Wales except: 6.25 HTV West Weather (462315). 6.30 The West Tonight and Weather (841). 2.30 We Can Work It Out (353). MERIDIAN

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Shortland Street (35570). 3.20 Meridian

News and Weather (2729605). 5.10

Home and Away (1252514). 5.37

Crimestoppers (658063). 6.00 Meridian

Tonight (889). 6.30 Getaways: The best

holiday ideas from around the region

and further afield. This edition includes

an insider's cuide to Brighton, and a trio an insider's guide to Brighton, and a trip along the Basingstoke carals. Plus a fly-drive holiday to Florida. (841). 10.30 Mardian Naws and Weather (268860). Meridian News and Weather (26886).

1.15 The Jerry Springer Show (5990193),
1.55 T in the Park; Highlights of Scotland's premier music festival. (6144648).

2.50 Box Office America (7665648),
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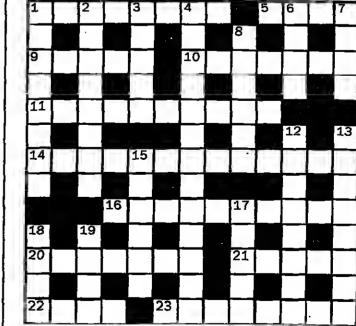
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TYNE TEES As Yorkshire except: 12.20 North East News and Weather (6711063). 3.20 North East News Headines (2729605). 5.55 North East Weather (845599). 6.00 North East Tonight (60605). 10.30 North East News and Weather (268860).

As Channel 4 except: 9.00 Yagoion/Schools (10670063), 12.00 Be-witched (16316976), 12.30 Sesame Street (38301150), 1.00 Planed Plant (47738353), 1.30 Film: Untamed: Su-(47789393). Law Film: Untarried: Su-san Hasyland seages Ireland's potato famine by emigrating to South Africa and joining the Great Trek into Zutu terri-tory. Dashing Boer commander Tyrone Power saves the day against the ma-rauding natives. Big scale colonial Wastam, a soap opera with action sequences. The actors stayed in Los sequences. The actors stayed in Los Angeles. With Richard Egan, Agnes Moorehead (99768131). 4.30 Ricki Lake (56006976). 5.00 Planed Plant: Uned 5 (98537286). 5.30 Countdown (569978518). 6.10 Heno (95678315). 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (12937042). 7.30 Newyddion (56007605). 8.00 Penblwydd Hapus (75709150). 8.30 Pem Fi Dwy (17987547). 9.00 i dot (86320650). 10.00 Father Ted (18317605). 10.30 Friends (81659044). 11.05 King of the Hill (9286583). 11.35 Whose Line is It Anyway? (69573082). 12.35 Dispetches (66560358). 1.05 The Real...General Pinochet (71919025). 2.05 Close.

CONCISE CROSSWORD No.3825 Thursday 21 January



ACROSS

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11 Slow rate of progress (6.4) 14 Student (13) 16 Cause to lose heart (10) 20 Cocktail (7)

21 Irish county (5) 22 Call (4) 23 Assemblies (8)

DOWN

Gigantic statue (8) Rebukes (8) Path (5) Unfair dealing (5.8)

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Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword:

ACROSS: 1 Press, 4 Tow (Presio), 7 Knee, 8 Overland, 9 Fait accompti. 10 Dry rot, 13 Resign, 15 Coconut shies, 19 Timeworn, 20 Lard, 21 FR, 22 Tardy, DOWN: 1 Panda, 2 Elector, 3 Stoic, 4 Thilip, 5 Wanting, 6 Detour, 11 Receive, 12 Tannoy, 14 Scholar, 16 Creel, 17 Tenet, 18 Early.

ROBERT HANKS TELEVISION REVIEW

e would bave thought,
rilying violence, and I was
ver much bothered by ghost
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rivel comic called Tomb
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nk was the only genuine
htmare of my life. was so an as a recomp as to young et the time for ressed evolicism to have are into the equation. I was perately fond of imported perican comics which

rightmare of my life.

The thing that most unnerved me was the information thet once you have invited a vempire into your house, he can come and go as be pleases, and there's not e thing you can do about it. But the other scary point about vampires was the shear mathematics if it all: I worked out that if a sampire fed once a night, and exery one of bis victims secame a vempire, and all hese new vampires fed every ight, and so on, then it ouldn't be long before the ritre world had been rrued loto vampires. (It's Fibonacci sequence — don't rer let anybody tell you at the maths you do at ibool has nothing to do ib the real world.)

Perhans it's reach.

with the real world.

Perhaps it's worth saying that I never actually believed in vampires, and now I'm all grown up they bardly botherne at all. But I still car't be litting their rational about bem. I suppose this is why, lean I suppose this is why, lean I suppose this lawly, I am a somplete sucker for Buffy the fampire Slayer (BBC2).

Buffy (Sarah Michelle Fellar) is an arrituary.

silar) is an ordinary
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udent, who also happens to
e the descendant of a long
as of vampire slayers and
lirly talented in thet direction
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pread for demons to enter our
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ir devoted, alrhead male
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al logic, it is the way.

uffly always sticks to the
of the genre which
as it more winning than
X-Files (BBC1). Last
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aning up against trailer
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DOCUMENTARY OF THE DAY

programme punctures the popular belief that the eating disorders annexia end bulimia are triggered by social and cultural pressures such as superwalf models – a trigger always questioned by sufferers themselves. "If i wanted to look good, I wouldn't be doing this oow," says the four-end-a-half stooe Hilary Childs as she pecks her things for hospital. Experiments to Curaçeo (one of the few places left on earth where fat is still the physical ideal) and among voluntarily starved Americans (the US government wanted to know the effects of starvation on postwar Europe) point to ceurological causes.

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5.35 Neighbours. Alex ofters Sarah a sympathetic ser, and we all know where that leads (S) (T) (243841).

7.00

Vers in Preorlice. This week, the graduetes are confronted by a cow in need of a blood transfusion and an lichy dog (S) (T) (6518).

5:30 Fa1 Free. Dieting docu-soep. Tracey and 5san's flancée beers the brunt of remode as he embarks on his tirst-ever cey tekes up exercis t of his changing ever diet (B) (6353).

cket Dragon Adventures (S. grats (R) (S) (T) (8766860).
1 (T) (6787353). 4.35 Shori
20 Neweround (S) (T) (5207

5.00 News| Weether (T) (421).

5.30 Regi onel News. And weether (1) (773)

Wetchdog with Anne Robineon. More high-street cowboys are telled by the consumer magezine (S) (T)

EestEnders. Blanca is etill perplexed, which is not a pretty sight. And the intimacy grows between Micheel and Liee (S) (T) (957).

9.00 News| Regional News| Weather (7) (9708).

Question Time. From Leeds, with a panel which includes Terese Gormen MP and Red Pepper editor Hilary Walnwright (S) (T) (684624).

The movie cereer of former LA Law ster Herry F had crashed and burned by the time this tired, of murder mystery ceme along. Hsmilin is typecast womaniser whose new bride hes died in suspicicicumstances. His former wife suspects toul pit (Followed by Weether) (S) (6050795). To 2.05am

2.10 indoor Bowla (S) (22852624). 2.40 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (8785880). 2.45 Westminster (S) (T) (4172578). 3.25 News; Regional News; Weether (T) (2724150). 3.30 Indoor Bowls (S) (75402).

5.00 Star Trek - The Next Generation. Tot, Data and O'Brien stage a muthy on the Enterprise after a distress signal lures the ship to the site of a crashad Starflest vehicle which diseppeared two centurise earlier (S) (T)

5.30 Jeremy Clerkeon's Extreme Mechinee. Jeremy Clerkson hits the sky in an F-15 fighter plane ("Whoa!"), goes drag racing on snowmobilee and ettends a combine-harvester banger race (R) (S) (T) (6995).

9.00 Meet the Ancestors. What do the skeletons of a women and three children found at a Stone Age temple in Dorset tell us about life in the Neolithic era? (S) (T) (1421).

9.30 [P![1][H] Fat Filee: Living On Air. Anorexis and bulimis. Do images of skinny "superwelf" supermodels really trigger these diseases? See Documentary of the Dsy. below (S) (T) (950888).

10.30 Newanight. With Jsremy Paxman (T) (985995).

10.20 Meetinge with Remarkeble Trees (S) (136204)

11.45 Lete Review. The usual suspects raview the Monat exhibition at the Royal Academy and the Jacquetine du Pré blopic, Hilary and Jackie (5) (744860).

12.00 Deepatch Box (S) (84087). 12.30 Open University: Hotel Hilbert (56716). 1.00 The 1997 Election: Treditions, Feliuree end Futures (18735). 1.30 Rousseu in Africa: Democracy in the Making (53754). 2.00 Further Education: Communicellon and Media (21377). 4.00 Creetive Arte: Telent 2000 – Contemporary Dance (59919). 5.00 Teacher Training: Working Together (75990). To 5.30em.

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Ochildren's BBC: Open a Door (4895119), 7 Teletubbles (2770976), 7.30 Secret Squirrel & (3659806), 7.55 Blue Peter (2068150), 8.20 (9603228), 8.40 Polka Dot Shorts (897571), Fiddiey Foodle Bird (6971995), 9.00 Job Ban (7808266), 9.10 Bellef File – Hindulsm (82171; 7808266), 9.10 Bellef File – Hindulsm (82171; 7808266), 9.10 Bellef File – Hindulsm (82171; 7808266), 9.10 Bellef File (4080083), 9.10 Cutside (8085518), 10.00 Teletubbles (34353 Storytime (5644402), 10.45 The Experiment (3959537), 11.35 (196400), 10.00 Fildiey Foodle (1294421), 11.35 (196400), 1.00 Fildiey Foodle (73418886), 1.10 The Arts and Crafts Hour (5 aimenter

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four (S) (2231228). l and Co D Tez-Man)). 5.50

Tennies the Auetrelien Open. Suo Barker introduces highlighte of the fourth-dey's action from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park (S) (1781).

5.45 The Outer Limite. A device planted in the eer of e deef woman is used by some aliens to communicate a cry for help. Or at least thet's har story (R) (T) (795957)

7.30 First **Sight.** The consultants who are planning ways of organising the crowde who will be coming to calebrate the millennium in London (599).

5.00 BIOINE The Trevel Show. FI Glover loses her heart to San Francisco, See Travel Show of the Deybelow (S) (T) (7880).

.25 Trishe (S) (T) (3301537), 10.30 This Morning (T) (85097624), 12.20 Your Shout (671063), 12.30 News; Weelher (T) (52668), 1.00 London Todey (T) (35570).

.15 ITN Newe Heedlinee (T) (2722782), 3.20 London Today (T) (2729605).

10 Home end Away (S) (T) (1252614).

5.40 News| Weether (T) (861150).

20 London Tonight. Regionel news update for the capital and the South-East, including a local weether bulletin (T) (889).

Newaj Weether (1) (28131).

The Jerry Springer Show (S) (T) (6749532). 2.00 Pirale TV (47700). 2.30 Real Stories of the Highwey Pairol (R) (6887629). 2.50 Pop down the Pub (R) (S) (7674396). 3.15 Cybernet (70049416). 3.40 Potty about Pets (4022532). 4.10 Stash (68306884). 4.15 ITV Nightscreen (8750356). 5.30 ITN Morning News (80782).

ITV Carlton

25 Children's ITV: Mopatop's Shop (2719228). 3.35 The Adventures of Dawdle (S) (8251150). 3.45 The Sylvester and Twestly Mysteries (S) (T) (8248886). 4.00 Levender Casile (S) (T) (576957). 4.45 Hey Amoldt (R) (T) (4439080). 4.40 Worst Wilch (S) (T) (7845083).

5.30 Videoteoh. Margherita Taylor with the latest cherts and goseip from the music world (S) (841).

7.00 Emmerdele. Ned rekindles an old flame, and Zos is treumalised (S) (T) (5266).

We Gen Work M Out. Judy Finnigen in her Anne Robinson guise as consumer champ (S) (353).

10,30 London Tonight (T) (268860).

Thursdey Night Live. Nicky Campbell, Kaye Adame and Penny Smith generate more heat than light in another of their vocal studio "discussione" (S) (1763088). Snooker Netione Cup (5584822).

Snocker Netione Cup. Wales plays Northern Ireland in the laiset match in this insugural competition (T) (55204179).

7.00 Channel 4 News Weether, including headlines at 7.30pm (S) (T) (418421).

8.60 Noviend Nennies. More from the nanny school docu-soep. Shante Gilliot has trouble kesping Sammy and Harry happy while their parents holidey in St Lucie (9228).

5.30 Secret Livee: Gr this film about the o twsrdly giscial Grace Kelly. That

9.30 Olepetchee. Suddenly given a grim topicelity by the events of the lest few days, this report tells how a Finnish team of forensic scientiets struggled to uncover the truth about civilian messecres in Kosovo lest yeer (1773).

10.30 Whose Line is if Anywey? (233044)

1.45 IIIM Getting Up end Going Home (Steven Schechler 1992 US). Tom Skerritt pleys a merried lawyer who gets involved with not just one but two other women in this decent little drame (231754). Siblings Phyllie Calvert, Duble C III They Were Siefers (Arthur Crabtree 1945 UR). Jings Phyllie Calvert, Dutcle Gray end Anne Crawford ch merry very different men in this Geineborough slodreme featuring a young Jemes Mason (390887).

11.05 Ally McSeel (R) (5) (T) (857773). **12.00** 4 Later: Oz (5586280). **1.05** 4 Later: Vids (3028919). **1.40** 4 Later: Hell end 8eck (8929551).

7.00 The Big Breekfeet (S) (63353).

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9.00 Channel 4 Schoole: History in Action (6213315), 5.20 Gaogrephical Eye over Britain 1 (6233179), 9.40 The English Programme (7038266), 10.00 Middle English (6001247), 10.20 Fourweys Farm (4538179), 10.30 Scientific Eye (3954082), 10.50 What the Papers Said (2486315), 11.00 The Number Crew (9416044), 11.10 Chennel Hopping auf Deutsch (1297518).

11.30 Powerhouse (7082). 12.00 Seesme Street (25044). 12.30 Sewitched (S) (T) (50228). 1.00 Pet Rescue (R) (S) (T) (33112). 1.30 Austrelie Wild (R) (T) (59599).

2.00 IIII The Raid (Hugo Fregonese 1954 US). Van Hetlin, Richard Boone end Lee Mervin ere e mong the Confederste prisonere of wer who escepe from [all in New Englend end make a break for the Canadien border. A tense, well-handled yam based on real events (S) (T) (70421).

Us). Low-rent sci-fi "slarring" e cerlain Joseph Hacker as a US secret agent who is fed special skills vie e computer fink-up to his brain. It it works anything like my computer, he must spend a grest deal of time frozen and stering rigidity into spece. Anyway, anyway... a Russian submarina commander has been kidnepped by

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(R) (S) (T) (9738624) **7.30** Milkshskel (S) (8102437). **7.35** Wimzle's House (R) (9469537). **8.00** Havakezoo (R) (S) (1809228). **8.30** Dappledown Farm (R) (S) (1808599). **9.00** Animal House (R) (T) (1822179). **9.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (6261773). **10.20** Sunsel Beach (2859421). **11.10** Leaze (2746247). **12.00** 5 Newe et Noon (1802315). **12.30** Family Alfairs (9678044). **1.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (S) (T) (9737995). **1.30** The Roseenne Show (R) (S) (9677315). **2.00** 100 Per Cent Gold (S) (6098315). **2.30** Good Afternoon (5) (4297179).

3.30 Hampton Court Pelece (247), **4.00** Fifteen to One (S) (222), **4.30** Countdown (S) (T) (1454112), **4.56** Rickl Lake (S) (T) (4565570), **5.30** Pet Rescue (S) (516).

5.00 Diehes. Three more hopeful contestents cook up a dish to win a dinner date in e top restaurant (T) (131).

5.20 Sunsei Beech (S) (T) (6820599).

5.00 100 Per Cent. The game show withoul a host (S) (5958624).

5.30 Hollycaks. Mandy continues her driving leseons, you'll be thrilled to leem (S) (T) (711).

6.30 Femily Affairs. Serge tinds out from his doctor that he is infertile, but dacides not to tell Maria. Poy asks Jamie to be his best man (S) (T) (5940976). 7.00 5 Newe, Including Fire1 on Five. Kirsty Young walks off with the news (S) (T) (6092131).

7.30 Wild Flight: a Weever's Taie. The love life of the weaver bird, should you be interested (S) (T) (5939880)

5.00 The Pepsi Chart (S) (T) (6016179).

8.30 Family Confidential. Fly-on-the-wall visit to a mother of four in Leicester and her daily battle to discipling her unruly offspring. I think id rather leeve her to it, but there

the real-

12:10 Live

TELEVISION GUIDE BY GERARD GILBERT

THE TRAVEL SHOW (8pm right balance between the inc TRAVEL SHO W OF THE DAY

jumpling in Chechnya here) and tours (although presenter 5imo these can be good-value fun). E innigne Judith Chalmers extoil ndicronsly exotic (no bungee and the mass-market puckage fmon Calder, right, reckons that b. Ellher way, it's hard to tolling the delights of gay San as to tonight's progremme es forc doing Halght Ashbury



FILM OF THE DAY

minded costume bucolles of ITV's recent Tess of the D'Urbervilles will be pulled up short by Michael Winterbottom's intelligent, bracingly bleak, and aurprisingly contemporary version of Thomas Hordy's Jude the Obscure. Shot in muted colours, which manage to enforce the story's sense of social entrepment, Christopher Eccleston gives a magnificantly raw performance as the Wessex stonemason pursuing both a university aducation and his free-spirited cousin (Kate Winslet). Be warned – the final scenes are as instrowing as anything in recent British cinema.

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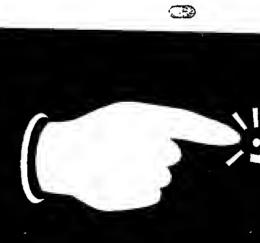
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increatingly, the seme considerations epply to those working in the cherly/voluntary sector. Business schools recaive only a handful of applications from manegers in these fields but they ere confident the numbers will grow. That is because they think an MBA is useful for anyona in management, particularly at a time when "partnershipa" are in vogue and the Government is persuading local authorities to colloburate with voluntary organisations.

tary organisations.

"If an MBA is anything, it ought to be teaching people how to monage and allocoto resources efficiently," says Anthouy livits, director of the MBA pragromme at Both monagement school, "Whether you are he for profit or not-for-profit organisation, that must be your aim, Charities must maximise the amount of money or equipment they can get to people who need it. The more they can relse by marketing and the less they weste on the way through the pipeline, the better for the recipients."

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artists and actors. Sir Simon Rattle, the conductor, ettracted e band of high-profile supportars who said that the creetivity and culture of the nation's youth was under threat. Mr Blunkett responded by setting up a working group on creativity in schools. He has also sat up task forces on citizenship, tho anvironment, morals and spirituality, and personal and eoclel education.

Mr Gradgrind in Dickens' Hard Times.

SO WHAT IS EDUCATION FOR?

Is there a place in the national curriculum for moral, social and political values alongside the three Rs? By Judith Judd

much ebout co-operetion as competition. And it is crucial for cherities with a large number of etakebolders which need to focus different interesta and form a direction for the future."

One of the greet benefits that an organisation as a whole, to see how the diffarent parts fit together and how the whola organisation relates to other organisatione outside. Graduates of MBA programmes often mention this. Ray Wild, principal of Henley Management College, betteves that the need to broadan perspective is just as importent for people working in chartlee and voluntary organisations.

Charities nowedays face formidable competitive pressures. Not only do they have to reise money in a competitive environment but they have to provide quality services in areas of the country and fields of work where they may have e number of rivals. They need to be clear about what their mission is and where they are going.

"The MBA is a very good course for giving people a clear framework of analysis and assessment of env organisation they're looking et," explains MBA at the University of Edinburgh management school.

More voluntary sector staff are signing up for MBAs. By Lucy Hodges

"Business schools have not made much of thie in the past," says Merk Oakley, director of MBA programmes et Aston. "It's not been seen es a very profitable source of businees."

Rosle Connor, 29, is one of the new education managers who have been parachuted in by Secretary of State for Education, David Blunkett, to help inner-city schoole bi Lelcester pull up their eocks and hit tough new GCSE targets. The chief executive of Lelcester's naw cducation ection zone, she

lcelly to fund his way through the pro-gremme. In addition, Lancester gave

him a fee reduction. Like Zindler, he has found the MBA "lucredibly useful" in his job as international finance officer of the charity he works for Lancester has developed strong links with the Red Crose in Geneva, one reeson why it is attracting studenta who work in international aid. Another business school — Aeton hae just hired a new professor, Margaret Harris from the London School of Economics, who specialises in the voluntary sector.

worked as director of Focus, e nettor charity which offers team-buildid and personel-development pregrammes to a range of people, for e schoolchildren to adults, including business people. At 24, she decided study for e four-year distance-learny MBA with Henley.

"I wanted to get much broad trething in ell the different especial maneging an organisation," she say "Running a charity is not fundame tally different from running a busines. The mieston is different but you et have to run trefficiently, effectively at professionally, so the skills in manaing quality services, managing peopend strategic management are a totally transferable."

After Focus she moved to Papwor Trust, one of the big UK disabill charitee, as director of merketin continuing with her MBA. After couple of yeers the organisatic restructured, et which point M Comnor became director of housing and care with e staff of 200 and must wider management responsibility.

"Business skills are really important in the voluntary sector now. Y have to know all sbout how to management an organisation," she says.

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WHEN SANDHA Walton took over 66 head teacher of a struggling Birmingham primary school, she turned first not to a new strategy for reading and maths, but to a new look at spiritual and moral value.

Mre Welton, head of Allens Croft Road primary school, volunteered for o Government-backed pilot project on teaching on morals and sphrituality because she believed it would raise acodemic atmidards.

She has no doubt of the importance of the project in a school where 70 per cent of pupils have free school inemis compared with a maional average of 18 per cent, and where a third of the pupils

"When I came here, I asked how we could support acadamic improvements when some children's baalc needs for things such as security and quolity housing were not being met."

Mrs Welton and her staff grasped the values proposed by the National Forum for Values in Education with enthusinsm. They are that pupils should be taught to value society truth. freedom, justice), and to value the environment.

an anti-bullying week are on one well: e celebration of last yeer's achievements on another:
Children's self-esteem hes been fortified by a new system of rewards: n letter is sent home for good beheviour: a local company supplies T-shirts as a reward for 100 per cent attendance; every tencher has a "happy" and "sad" side to the blackboard – happy for names of children who behave well, sail for those who don't

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Schools can achieve better results by teaching moral values

After discussions between stoff end pupils, new "golden rules" have been devised. They ere on display in every room, even the tollets:

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More recently, Kenneth Baker, a former Secretary of State for Education, has described how ha clashed with Margaret Thatcher whan they were devising the national curriculum in the late Eightiee. Mrs Thatcher, who, according to Mr Baker, got her viewe on education from her hairdresser and her cleaner, wanted only English, maths and eclence to be compulsory. Mr Baker, by contrast, wanted a 10-aubject curriculum to ensure that pupils received a broad education. He took that view that, unless subjects were made compulsory, they would not be taught. In the short term, he won, but tha curriculum was later slimmed down after teachers held a test boycott in proteet

against the overcrowded timetable.

During the last year, similar fights have been fought in Whitehall over the emphasic schools should put on the basics. Last January, Mr Blunkett ann-nounced that he was relaxing the law on the primary school curriculum to allow schools to spend more time on literacy and numeracy. The Government has set ambitious targets for 11-year-olds in reeding and maths for the end of this parliament.

There was an outcry from musicians,

to cram in too much, they fear a drift towards Metthew Arnold's "mechanicel" curriculum. Dr Patrick Tobin, principal of Stewart's Melville College and Mary Erskine in Edinburgh, and last year'e cheirmen of the Heedinasters' and Heedmistresses' Conference, warns of the dangers of a "Gradgnind" curriculum in the Government's primary educetion policy, "squeezing out the inspiration which historically has distinguished seminal periods in educetion development".

was over-prescriptive but now there is a danger that the core curriculum is going to shrink and that you can't guarantee a serious place, for instance, for modern languages." He opposes compulsory clizenship lessons. "Instead of trusting that a good education will produce evere young men and women, they are taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut."

Mariame Talbot, consultant for the Quetificetions and curriculum Au-

Children at Allens Croft Road primary in Birmingham have all

*For too long, many primary school teachers have been prevented from glving literacy and numeracy the ettention they deserve because the national curriculum has lacked a clear focus on the basics."

David Blunkett, Secretary of State for Educotion.

"What we must look for here is first religious and moral principles, second gentlemanly conduct, thirdly intallectuel oblity,"

But Professor Bernard Crick, cheirman of the Government's advisory group on citizenship, which included figures such as Michael Brunson, ITN's political editor, wanted on immensional state.

Kenneth Boker, former Secretary of State for Education on Morgoret Thatcher's views on the curriculum.

All these heve come together in the Preparetion for Adult Life Group which reported to Mr Blunkett just before Christmes. But the arguments go on. Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, told the group that he was against making citizenship or any of the other issues under discussion compulsory. It would distract schools from

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half form to discuss issues such es bullying. "We must be sensible," announces five-year-old Scott. The staff have had to go buck to first principles and decide just what they mean by spiritual and moral, translate them into action and review what they have dame. There is still a long way to go, says Mrs Wallon, but adveady children and purents' attitudes are changing. Eighteen months sgo, the schoot was close to being dechared failing. This summer: inspectors from the Olifee for Standards in Education declared that it no langer even had "scrimm weeknesses".

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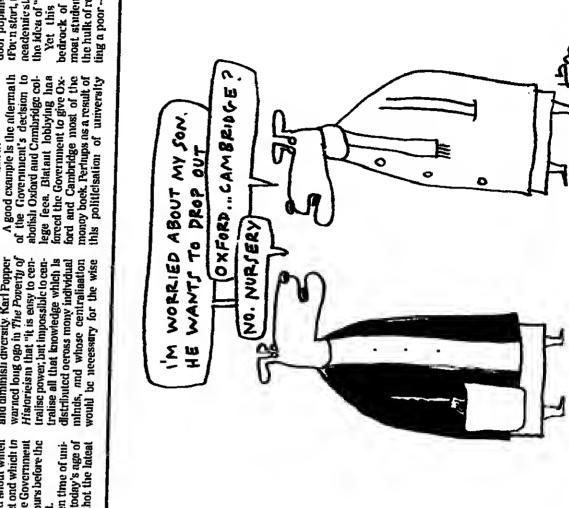
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Does it matter that universities are no longer free to spend their money without political interference? No and Yes. No, because as great national institutions, universities should serve national purposes. They should be cajoled into making a proper contribution to achleving the Government's goal of a "Learning Age"; they should be required to nather past; they should be required to habite past; they should be required to habiter education in the past; they should be required to maintain high academic standards and make their couraes relevant to the contemporory needs: and they they leaver large – anns of public money hiney receive.

frastructure; and to institutions apparently best placed to help widel participation. Because this Government, like all its predecessors, be lieves, for a jumble of social justice and mannower planning rensous that priority should be given to expanding sub-degree courses, much of the latter may flow out of the higher education colleges, which seem tooffer hetter value for money. Such a result was fairly easy to predict. The top dozen universities still have immense insider clout, despite their bottering during the Thatcher years, so they tad to be given something. The Government ustuctively more sympathetic to further than to higher education, was bound to put its own spin on tifelougle nass of the universities, essentially the hottom two thods of the "old" universities and many of the "new" universities and many of the "new" universities, is in danger of being left out. They are newer gning to be internalimal research players:



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THE INDEPENDENT:
Thursday 21 January 1999

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some people think 'New' universities are aiming for the out - these places have a problem: good. But watch By Chris Barton top of the table. that they're no

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while beeting a path to its higher eduaction system — which, ironically, he
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Eton is better than Slough Comander, the letter may etill be a school: the real question is



anca of payments, but no longer deny-ing ploces to our own people.) Only two

do we need to serve the number of people capable of benefiting from them; and how good that service is.

As regards tha number, we need a few more yet. Our schools still aren't finding out what each child is good at, we've got lots of people in the workforce who want to better themselves, e grow-

easy travelling distance.
Good service? Why not ask the preaent generation of, say, lawyers who
probably completed the post-graduate
stage of their education at one of the dition of rigorous course validation

proved rather better at satisfying the demands of the professional bodies. This year for example, more than 94 perceot of the 5,000-plus students on the Legal Practice Course – the last year in the classroom for would-ba solicitors – are st "new" universities. And it is an protesting to one of the handful of such places theo extent, courtesy of perental influence, some of us thought we actually *were* the top 2 per cent: a delusion that could persist for several minutes after we started work. Twenty-one year-olds, made for life, How very

The threat to our graduates is that people may make them think they're not up to scratch

open secret that the de luxa firms favour one particular "new" place for thair trainees.

When hardly anyone had a degree, neither the haves nor the heve-oots falt different from the present lot: womeo (now over half of all "home" undergraduates), oldias (26 per ceot of even full time undergraduates are over 21), and even the working class, many of them ethnics (13 par cent of all first year home undergraduates). Most of them

have to work while they atudy — you bave to pay for it these days — and not just gentle vacation stuff to finance those three months blicking round America in the summer; either.

Some of them even have to work all day every day, to support their families, forcing them to sneak into one of these "new" places in the dark for rather more than three years, Just under 25,000 part-thrers made it to a groduetion ceremony in 1997 and, if employers know what's good for them, those oldies were over-represented in the 82 per cent of 1997 graduates who got inbs.

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JOHN IZBICKI

lle uction centres on the college's decision to make lots of non-research staff redundant, and to dump civil engineering following dinstically declining applications.

The AUT is girding its loins for even stronger action to save its members' jobs.

Ironically, the college is about to invest several million pounds in creating new posts over a

million pounds in creating new posts over a number of other areas.

And, in casc budding QMW civil engineers are worried, they'll be allowed to complete their degrees. But it's clearly a grey business.

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NICK FEARN

Association, was sacked for "Inex-cusally" thrusting the journal into the political dehate over the Lewinsky affair.

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YOUR VIEWS

Our article last week on obesity among children, and the associated lack of physical exercise, provoked a wide response, as did the pieces on the future of lecturers, and the issue of benchmarking subjects

CATION, 14 January) on the health of our schoolchildren. Although I agree that child-hood obosity is a major public health issue, that schools may have an important role to play, and physical activity is key, I was surprised by some parts of the article. First, the Health Education Authority's "Young & Active?" project was not mentioned. As co-director of the accedentle part of this project, and senior editor of the bask containing the evidence, I am confident that this provides us with the best picture of young meonle and READ with interest the srticle by Emnu laughton ("Survival of the fattast", EDU

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My fourth point ie to disagree with Profeseur Armetroug's conclusion that the mother is the key role model in the family. Evidence on madelling of physical activity in families is largely equivocal, and certainly there ie no clear evidence in favour of either the mother or father; peer modelling influevidence, I am confident that this provides us with the best picture of young people and physical activity, based on the available international evidence.

Second, from this extensive review, it was concluded that many children meet the adult criterion of 30 minutes of moderate intensity ou most days of the week, but need to do more to prevent the decline in health being witnessed.

Third, the "victim-blanning" language used in the article is unhelpful. Young people are not "too lazy and gluttonous"; they are, like adults, affected by a sacial and physical environment that is unhelpful in encouraging greater physical activity. Indeed, the article states that we eat no more than we did some years ago.

ence is far greater.

Finally, the article gave the suggestion that active children make active adults. The data available does not show this at all clearly. This "tracking" of activity happens, a little, from childhoad to youth, but the link is very weak indeed from youth to adulthood. PROFESSOR STUART BIDDLE

Professor of Exercise & Spart Psychology Loughborough University

I READ your article "Survival of the fattest" (EDUCATION, 14 January), and I agree that I ate lots of chocolste Santas over Christmas. But I do not agree that "girls especially hate team games. Many prefer individual activities euch as aerobics". I and other girls in school love team games. None of my friends do aerobics, they prefer swimming.

REEM EI-SHARKAWI (Aged 9/2)

The Internet may be quite useful for "training" (i.e. the passing-on of relatively simple skills). However, when it comes to higher educotion, the Internet is a poor substitute for n lecturer.

I doubt if many lecturors have ever spent much time in "revelotion of the truth". We do convey information, but we heve always, patiently ond sympathetically, tried to help students to understand why "the truth" is ao hard to find, and why it is even more important to acquire the complex skills needed to understand and svaluate the utility of the different approaches on offer.

Teaching (in a didactic manner) a preacribed eyllabus of conventional wisdom, is not what higher education is all about. Expanded and standard is an discount of the different approaches on the control of the control of the different approaches on offer.

liting experience for all con PK BURGESS Department of Psychology Dundee University

He who controls the past...

I AM not against the idea of benchmarking history or any other academic subject ("The making of e history graduste", EDUCATION, 14 January). In an increasingly uncertain world, it sesms reasonable that people should have at least an outlins idea of what skille and concepts they should expect to master at degree level in a given subject. The problem with any auch exercise is that it can very easily become over-prescriptive and bureaucratic. The warning signs are there in Anthony Fletcher'a article on the question. In reality, of the challenges facing historians as the millennium nears, benchmarking is not the major one. The undermining of the empirical basis of the subject from within by post-modernists, and the down-grading of the subject in schools by a government that looks to the future, while caring not at all about the past, are what historians really need to get agitisted about at the moment.

Convener London Convener, London Socialist Historians Group

FURTHER TO your excellent article ("Au revolr children, I'm off", EDUCATION, 14 January), may I suggest further reasons why language graduates don't go into teaching. Firstly, it is one of the few careers which everyone (parents, politicians, media pundits) thinks they could do better than those who have been trained.

Secondly, many language students spand a year as language assistants abroad and get enough of a view of teaching to realise that it is not for them.

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Parents are turning increasingly to private tutors to help give their children the edge in competing for places at the top schools – but are they over-reacting and placing youngsters under unnecessary pressure? By John McMinn

When average isn't enough

ilka for their children. The tutor reassures them very specifically about their child's progress and focuses on areas of weakness.

Bob Aday runs the tutoring agency in London's Laarning", based in east than 40 tutors, all qualified teachers, but says ha needs many more to cope with increasing demand. His agency is seeing a rapid growth in the numbars of parents with children of primary age coming for tutoring. He is sure that many pareots are coming to see the standard assessment tasks, taken when the children are about seven at the end of key stage one of the national curriculum, or at about 11 at the end of key stage the of public examination.

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One South Wales agency, for example, found that up to 80 per cent of new clients were concerned about progress in the junior school years, following average results in standard asaessment tests at seven. Tutoring agencies in Birminghsm and Manchester confirm that what is bappening in London is just as true of their ageoclea. Parents are coning to them with concerns both for their chorers both for their chorers but more importantly

at cucturen who are being given in teaching. Parents are anxious for in to have the earliest levels of the area to fill the gaps.

Parents who use tutoring to halp if children catch up or improve in grades at GCSE and A-lavel are win the minority. Many parents lay are looking at private tuition to e their children some of the advantion is a more affordable, or philoship are not private at the sasa are unable to provide the individual help, which is a feature of much wate education. Children's weaks sees can go unnoticed. Tutoring which many parents which many parents which many parents would child which many parents would

of public examination.

This was not what was intended at their inception. The Government wented the tests to act as a benchmark for measuring schools, not individual attainmant. Many educators and parenta feared it was an examination and selection process by another name. These fears now seem justified and thay are creating naw pressures. There is evidence across the country to auggest that parents are using the tests at age seven as evidence to push their children on.

parents turo to private tuition to help their child rise above the average.
Finding the money for one hour's weekly tuition is a struggle for Christi's mother, Susan. She feels her nine-year-old daughter is not baing pushed at her London primary achool, where she is in a class of 35, and that her work is not of a high standard. Susan's original concerns stemmed from Christi's average results in SATs at key atage one. She wants Christi to

tables. They exist in areas where the "creom" has been acoped by other more successful schools. In the socalled market place of education, success has bred more success, leading to intense competition for places in some secondary schools. A child's brackedmic leval is increasingly considered in awarding places in overtaubacribed schools. Parents sense we selection by the back door and are sin- thy responding to that. Anxious general controls and selection by the back door and are sin- the ply responding to that.

he achieving above average results.

Julia and Mark are typical of the people who are turning to tutoring to give their ciuld an extra edge in the fight for a place at a "good" comprehensive. They live in south London and both have full-time careers. They do not have all the time they would like to give to help their children with their work. In the area where they live there are two comprehansives. One gats good examination results, the other does not. There is birate se competition for places at at tha "good" comprehensiva. It is a picture repeated across tha country.

Their son Jason is elgith Herajoys learning and is dding well at school. Julia and Mark want him to do better. Last year in his send of key stage one tests, Jason was assessed as level 2, tha nadional average, in maths, science and English. His parents want film to be above the national average, won't be enough to guarantee his place in the good achool in a few years tion.

Their son Jason's legith, Herajoys learning and is dding well at school, Julia and Mark, tutoring reduces anxiety about they were. "There good achool in a few years tion.

For Julia and Mark, tutoring was very poor, but after two months it is improving and his basic maths skilla are better than they were. "There shouldn't be such a difference in standards between schools," says Julia. "All schools shouch avairety of backgrounds, and work toward high standards. They and york toward high standards. They save stote education system.

"We have a responsibility as purents to do the best by our children, when solved and huge amount of siress."

Alic Kalu, a deputy head enderer at a primary school in London, is not bir favour of young children they are they would be bable to educate children effectively. Povents wouldn't have to resort to having their children tutored to allay their fears."

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Roger Black MBE, 32, is an Olympic Silver Medallist in the 400 metres, and former British team captain. His television work includes 'A Question of Sport'. He presents the video 'Fighting Fat, Fighting Fit', part of the current BBC health campaign



didn't want to be a vet, because I didn't want to be a vet, because I didn't fancy feeling animals' inside and didn't want to look into enploy mouths, which ruled out dentistry, a that left medicine – ny father is a do to: I passed Malhs first line a Grade D, which was not high enough for Bort's Ilraspital, su I truk a yea off to retake it, and got o B. During this year I joined Southampton Athleltes Club and won the European Junior Chumpionships. I then wan accepted at Newenstle, but changes to Suuthumptun University.

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Who can blame parents when schools are

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because they are thinking a coupla of years ahead to when thair children thave to be accepted into popular and over-subscribed accordary schoola.

The reason is connected directly to concern over which secondary school their child will get into – prefarably one high up in the GCSE performance vleague tables.

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Joining forces can be very good, but it is not without snags. By Lucy Hodges

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LONDON: One of the mo-mergers of the 1980s was

mergers of the 1980s was between two collogea of London University - Bedford, in Regonta Park and Roya! Hollowoy in Egham. Surrey. It involved Bedford, the more prestigious of tha two, moving 25 milea to Egham, losing its gorgeous site and buildings in central London and eventually losing its name. Roya! Holloway gained hugely. At first, the merged institution was called Foyol Holloway and Bedford New College - a horrible mouthful of a name. Eventually the last four words were dropped.

The merged institution was the recipient of huge investment and e big building programme. Behind the merger was the harsh financial climate of 1981 when it became clear that smallish colleges would not have a bright future, particularly in science. For the staff, it was e traumatic event. Bedford lost its identity and the staff had to move to Egham; Royal Holloway felt invaded by Londoners. But amalgamation was the only way to aurrive, according to the experta. Since then, Royal Holloway has gone from strength to atrength. From having had a weak position in tha research league tables, it is now just in the top quartile. "That acys a lot about what you can do if you are sufficiently visionary," asys John Lauwerya, former registrar at Royal Holloway, now secretary and registrar at Southampton University.

LEEDS: Behind last year's merger between Leeda Metropolitan Univarsity and Harrogate College of Further Education lay financial and political considerations. The college had had some financial problems. Going in with Leeda secured ite future. Leads benefited by growing bigger, becoming a more comprehensive tertiary institution and expanding its geographical reach. The tricklest part was the changing position of the further education funding council – which hes a statutory duty to make sure that further education is maintained – and the ambivalence of government to a merger between further and higher education. Frenck Griffiths, deputy vice-chancellor of Leeds Met says: "It was not in any sense at ell plain sailing." The most difficult thing for the university was reassuring the authorities that it was not going to take part in an asset-stripping exerciae.

"We were intending to maintain and grow the further education proviaion," says Mr Griffiths. "We say the Harrogate campus at consultation exercise about developing the Harrogate campus. It has submitted a proposal to the Higher Education Funding Council for e significant increase in course and students at Harrogate.

Many experts believe that by merging their resources, colleges can get a better deal for all concerned. By Lucy Hodges sense to makes

drug drug. comparius, accompanius, accompanius, accompanies are thinking about mergers, even if they are not schually taking the plunge. Now higher and further education are teating the water and, in some cases, leaping in at the deep end. Around 50 further education colleges are discussing merger; last year there were mergers between merger; last year there ware nine mergers between further education colleges and between further and higher education, including a mega-unerger of three further education colleges in Nottlingham (a fourth will join tham soon).

"I believe the Government wants mergers," says Profeasor David Warner, principal of Swansee Institute of Higher Education, who will be speaking on the subject at a conference next week. "If you look at the map of further and higher education in the United Kingdom, it's a bloody mess. There are 176 higher education in stitutions and nearly 500 further structures are 176 higher education in stitutions and nearly 500 further structures.

At the moment, the

no control of assets' UK system works a Soviet Union, with bit like the old cally complacent. They don't have to justify every day to the market that they are making the best possible use of their resources."

For all these reasons the drive to

an incredibly tiny country. The current state of further and higher education owes nothing to reason or planning, but all to history and pollitics. The reasons why they exiat are very strange. Every institution has a perverse history. Only this country could have achieved what we have." There are many reasons why universities and collages want to tie the knot. Behind many mergers lies a financial imperative, or a desire to rationalise a cademic offerings. Moreover, there are soma economies of scale to be had out of buying more sausage rolla or photocopying cootracts, according to David Palfreyman, byrsar and fallow of New College, Oxford, and ooe of the authors of a new book on mergers.

But rescorch tends to suggest thet mergers don't lead to savings

bsileves morgers would save money through the sharing of resources, headquarters and top management costs. Furthermore, savings can come from economies of scope – the ability to market complementary services, courses or modules which fit well together; (That factor lay behind Nottingham's mega-merger.)

But Whittingham's mega-merger.)

But Whittingham's neiso emphasises the beneficial psychological effect of mergers and acquisitions. In the private sector, one of the greet hidden gains is the sbility to break up traditional practices, he says. In education this might involve middle managers whom no one has hed the courage to attnuiste or push before. An indirect beuefit would be a shake-up for the world of higher and further education. At the moment the UK making wholesale redundancies as in teaching training in the 1970s.

From his knowledge of mergers in the private sector, Richard Whit thigton, reader in strategy at the Sai Business School in Oxford, and an other fellow of New College, Oxford unless one is talking mout asset stripping – selling off buildings that are no longer needed, as happened in London University in the 1980s, or

For all these reasons the drive to merge is relentless, the experts believe. "Within 10 years of the millienuium up to one-half per cent of all institutions (almost 300) will be involved in aome sort of significant change," says Whittington.

New phrases such as "stralegic allace" are creeping into the harguage of higher eduction. West Hill college of higher eduction. West Hill college of higher eduction in Birmingham is creating a strategic allionce with Birmingham University. The alliance is stronger than collaboration but falls short of merger. The university isn't seeking fullscale merger because it daren't risk its position in the research assessment exercise. At the same time, it wants to stop West Hill getting into bed with anyone else.

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Although most of the mergers taking place now are between further education colleges, the most fcrtila area for mergers. Warner thinks, is between further and higher education. The problem is that the Government, in the shape of Baroness Blackstone, minister in charge of hurther and higher education, is not very keen on these kind of mergers. And the Further Education Funding Council has frowned on them in the past on the grounds that further education would lose out. Higher education will engage in en asset stripping exercise, the argument goes, and sell buildings just as the former polytechnics did when they bacame universities.

Last year, when Leeds Metropollant University was seeking to mergs with Harrogate College of Further Education, and Darby University with High Peak College, Baroness Blackstone wrote a letter to the Further Education Funding Council saying she did not wish to see general further education colleges merging with universities except in certain

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circumstances. She was against higher education money being used to rescue failing furthar education colleges; she disliked the functions of the two sectors being muddled; and she wanted further education to be a sector standing on its own.

For these reasons she said she was minded to reject the two mergers. The institutions were horrified, because they had been campalgning for years for mergen; carefully building support and alliances. So, they fought back, and the mergers went through back, and the mergers went through back, and the mergers went through the FEFC, says of the Leeds Met/Harrogate merger. "The countril looked very carefully at the merger proposal and were convinced this was the best way of securing further education in Harrogate, and carefully at the surfug new routes to propose, and carefully at this was the best way of securing further education in Harrogate, and carefully at the surfug new routes to propose.

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fend further education from the rayages of the universities does not alt
easily with the requirements of lifelong learning. "If we want to build a
system of lifelong learning, we have
got to put together further and higher education," says Roger Waterhouse, vice-chancellor of Derby
University. "I don't think the policy
on lifelong learning amounts to anything other than rhetoric."

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